



Gloomier view of recovery by CBI

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent
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First to die: One of the two US Marines killed in Beirut yesterday being taken to a helicopter for transport to an American hospital ship.

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Communist call to back Labour
An executive resolution to be debated at the Communist Party's conference urges support for Labour's left and a build-up of the Labour Party as a step towards a socialist Britain.

Media criticism
A TUC report which criticizes the media says a new communications council, coupled with a statutory right of reply, would enhance the freedom on the press.

Jail protest
Hundreds of RUC officers were drafted into Ulster jails to guard dangerous terrorists as prison officers began an overtime ban described by the Government as 'irresponsible'.

Sikh rampage
More than a hundred people were injured when Sikhs armed with swords and spears broke through barbed wire barricades and stormed a government office in Amritsar.

Nissan hitch
Nissan's £500m plan to build a car plant in Britain has been hit by renewed opposition from Japanese car unions, who say that the project would be too risky.

Night launch
Huge crowds gathered to watch the midnight launching of a space shuttle at Cape Canaveral, Florida. The crew of Challenger included a 54-year-old man.

Offer to Habre
The Libyan-backed rebels in northern Chad called for a 'sincere and definite reconciliation' of all Chadians, including President Habre 'if he shows the necessary good will'.

Killer named
The Bulletin, the largest circulation newspaper in the Philippines, has identified the alleged assassin of Benigno Aquino as Rolando Galman, aged 33, an ex-con and hired killer.

Abortion vote
Dr Garrett Fitzgerald, the Irish Prime Minister, is to urge the electorate to vote against the banning of abortion in a referendum on September 7.

Nicholas scores
Charlie Nicholas scored his first goals for Arsenal, against Wolverhampton Wanderers, and Manchester United lost at home for the first time in 17 months.

Test victory
England beat New Zealand by 165 runs in the fourth Cornhill Test match at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, yesterday, but Richard Hadlee made them fight for it.

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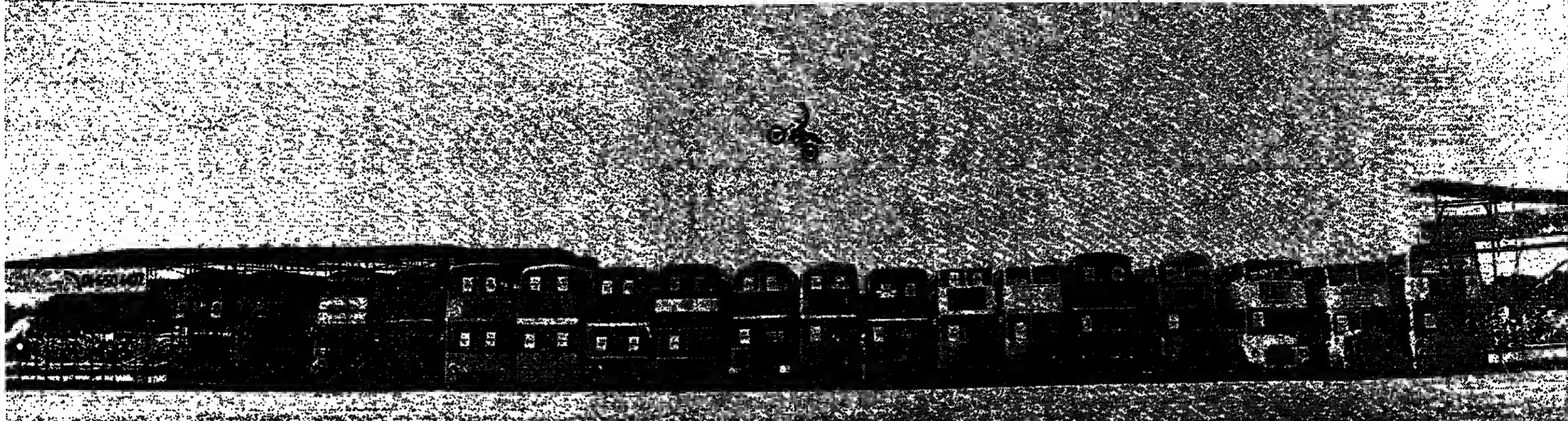
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Advertisement for Thistle Hotels featuring a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman in a hotel setting. Text includes: 'When you visit a Thistle Hotel, the plush furnishing doesn't finish at the lift. Unlike Ennals Lodging House and other similar, less prestigious establishments we could name. But then Thistle is one of the largest hotel groups in the country with thirty-nine three and four star hotels, located throughout the UK. You'll also find a comprehensive range of Business Services, including Trampcard, ConferencePlan and Corporate Rates, each designed to make business more rewarding. So when you want to park your pinstripes somewhere comfortable, a Thistle should always come to mind. Thistle Hotels Information and Reservations Centre Tel: 01-937 8033. THISTLE HOTELS An end to the prickly welcome.'



Riding on air: Chris Bromham, aged 26, set two new world motor cycle long jump records after leaping 196ft 2ins at 125mph on his 495cc KTM over 18 buses at Bromley Common, south London, yesterday. (Photograph: Brian Harris)

### Communists urged to support Labour left

By Anthony Bevis, Political Correspondent

Communist Party leaders have committed themselves to supporting a build-up of the Labour Party as a means to bring about a socialist Britain. A communist executive resolution, to be debated at the party's 38th congress in November, says: "The aim of the left must be to make it possible for Labour not only to recapture support amongst those who formerly backed it, but to win new support especially amongst developing sections of the working class, amongst women and young people."

Left wingers are poised to stage a comeback on Labour's national conference at the party's autumn conference, a leading Militant Tendency campaigner forecast yesterday (the Press Association reports). Mr Ted Grant, Militant political editor, claimed a leftward shift would help to prevent any more "witch hunts" against the paper's supporters. "The executive then endorses the need for a united front of left-wing groups, saying: 'This emphasis on mass struggle and mass politics is the key to overcoming many of the acute divisions on the left'."

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### Youth pay of £37 is upset for Whitehall

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

A deal to pay young people on the Youth Training Scheme substantially more than the £25 a week government allowance is being agreed with the British Airports Authority and could become a model for unions negotiating with public authorities. Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, in June rejected a recommendation from the Manpower Services Commission that the allowance should be uprated to £26.45 in line with the rate on inflation. The authority's scheme involving up to £37 a week could prove an embarrassment in Whitehall. The minister said he had come under pressure from employers not to increase the allowance because they had said they could not afford the increase and might

### TUC calls for legal monitor for media

By Our Labour Correspondent

A communications council established by statute to hear and act on complaints about the media and a right of reply enshrined in law are recommended in a TUC report published today which aims strong criticism at newspapers and broadcasting organizations. The report, produced by the TUC Media Working Group, says that a new monitoring system for the media must be established because the Press Council and the Broadcasting Complaints Commission are ineffective and the media showed no signs of exercising self-control. Union leaders are also anxious to reject arguments that statutory involvement could lead to attempts to muzzle a free press and would increase the freedom of the media to comment authoritatively and responsibly. Mr Mostyn (Moss) Evans, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union and leader of the TUC media working party, said last night: "The personal harassment of the Royal Family, the deceit and duplicity surrounding press conduct in the Sutcliffe case and the complete fabrication of an interview with the widow of a Falklands VC are just three recent examples of a disturbing downward trend towards the gutter."

### Police called in to man Ulster jails

From Richard Ford Belfast

Hundreds of Royal Ulster Constabulary officers were drafted into jails yesterday to guard some of Britain's most dangerous terrorists as prison officers staged an overtime ban described by the Government as "irresponsible". The statutory right of reply proposed by the TUC would be overseen by the communications council and would, according to the report, achieve three aims: to provide a sanction against those who abused the power to inform and influence, to provide redress for those who need it, and by "case law" set standards for journalists and editors. An argument by Sir Patrick Neill, QC, former chairman of the Press Council, that a statutory right of reply compares with attempts to introduce legal controls on journalists in South Africa are rejected by the TUC. "An employers' code could be based on precedents set by the council's complaints procedure but also partly on an exposition of standards of behaviour to be expected from the media in particular circumstances or conditions," the report concludes. "There is no complete answer to the problem of abuse by the media. Effective self-regulation appears to be too much to ask. The prospect of statutory intervention will undoubtedly be criticized by those whose interests lie in the maintenance of untrammelled media power."



Mr Nicholas Scott: Prison officers 'irresponsible'.

Only about 100 out of 1,400 officers who could have been on duty arrived for work and the police reported to the Maze, Magilligan and Crumlin Road prisons and the Hydebank young offenders' centre early yesterday morning. The Northern Ireland Office's contingency plan to deal with the action by 2,500 prison officers left the police and management to run the prisons and it is understood that outside caterers were brought in. "There is no complete answer to the problem of abuse by the media. Effective self-regulation appears to be too much to ask. The prospect of statutory intervention will undoubtedly be criticized by those whose interests lie in the maintenance of untrammelled media power."

### 'Selective' cut may be sought by SDP

By Our Political Correspondent

Social Democrats are being asked to campaign for selective cuts in local authority services and a purge of incompetent council officials in next year's local elections. Mr John Cartwright, MP for Woolwich and the party spokesman on local government, says in a discussion paper for next month's party assembly that local SDP candidates should campaign on a strategy "which concentrates on preserving what is effective and cutting out what is no longer necessary."

### Party cash crisis may cut HQ jobs

By Our Labour Reporter

Labour Party officials are considering plans to reduce the size of headquarters staff because of a cash crisis looming next year which cannot be headed off by the traditional means of raising more money from the unions. Staff cuts in addition to reductions through natural wastage already in operation may be forced on the party because it has been told by the unions that their political funds are empty after the general election campaign. The party is thought to be able to contain this year's deficit to about the £300,000 level of last year but senior Labour officials see no prospect of an increase in affiliation fees from the unions for next year. Mr James Mortimer, the party general secretary, raised the possibility of an increase in the unions' 50p a member affiliation fee at the meeting last month of Trades Unions for Labour Victory, which organizes union support for the party, but was left in no doubt that an increase was unacceptable.



Mr Payne: Outvoted on £25 deal

have to pull out of the scheme. One of the employers' representatives on the Manpower Services Commission is Mr Norman Payne, the authority's chairman. Along with other employer representatives who also opposed the increase he was outvoted on the commission when the allowance was discussed but it is understood he believes that if an organization can "top up" the Government allowance it should be allowed to do so but not under compulsion from the Government. The authority's scheme will initially only cater for about 20 young people, but that figure could rise to between 50 and 60. It is understood the authority has offered union negotiators an allowance of £33 a week. Next month further talks will be held on another £4 a week in the form of a travel allowance. Union negotiators are expected to argue in other cases that if a quasi-governmental body can increase the allowance employers should consider signing "top up" deals and so remove one of the main union criticisms of the scheme that it is being used to create a pool of cheap labour.

### Order without armed force

By Peter Hennessy

The riots of 1981 reopened an old constitutional question: at what point and in what way should the police be called in if the police are failing to cope? Lord Scarman's report, *The Brixton Disorders of 10-12 April 1981*, showed just how frail was the thin blue line of policemen "over that terrible weekend", their lack of numbers and equipment, their lack of preparation. "They stood between our society and a total collapse of law and order in the streets of an important part of the capital", he wrote. Whitehall's rethink in the aftermath of Brixton, Toxteth and Moss Side would, if reason was any guide, have involved joint police-army discussions about military aid to the civil power, as it is formally known. The Ministry of Defence and the Home Office are very sensitive on the point. There is a secret interdepartmental committee of civil servants which meets on the problems of inner cities. But at the chiefs-of-staff and chief constable levels there is nothing comparable and no discussions on riot strategy have taken place. It is possible, however, to piece together today's official view. In February 1980, General (now Field Marshal) Sir Edwin Bramall, then Chief of the General Staff, now Chief of the Defence Staff, delivered a virtually unnoticed lecture on the subject to the Royal Society of Arts entitled

### Report on Celtic head untrue

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The claim by an historian that the head of a Celtic saint was buried in the garden of a house in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, was not meant to be taken seriously, it was learnt by *The Times* last night. The Roman Catholic authorities in Birmingham had wished to have the garden dug up to recover the missing head of St Penkt, Dr Colin Richmond of Keele University said. He added: "It has been taken a little beyond what I intended."

Dr Richmond said that he had told the representatives of the Archdiocese of Birmingham that it was "just a nice story". He was the author of a similar "concocted" article in *Excourier* magazine in 1979 called "The day Henry James discovered Dada". He claimed that he had submitted the Celtic head article to Father Daniel Rees, editor of the *Downside Review*, with a covering letter explaining what it was, but the article was published as if it was a genuine piece of research. Father Rees, who was contacted by *The Times* last Saturday, said that he thought it was genuine, although "the facts could bear more than one interpretation". A summary of the article was published in *The Times* yesterday. Father Rees could not be contacted last night.

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### Council overspending

### Justifying big budgets and high rates

Basildon district, which includes the commuter towns of Billericay and Wickford as well as the blue-collar London overspill estates of the new town itself, has a high unemployment rate. Its chief executive is an able barrister, Mr Robin Mitchinson, who stands out among his three colleagues: he and his officials obviously relish the enthusiasm for spending shown by the Labour administration that has controlled the council since 1982. To be fair, it is spending on staff and services, not civic fumery; the town hall is still, 20 years after plans for a new civic centre were drawn up, a set of temporary buildings extended by Fortalabins. Basildon's current budget is 50 per cent above what the Department of the Environment says it needs to spend and 10 per cent above its centrally-determined public spending target. On most comparative figures, Basildon stacks out - along with Harlow, another high-spending new town which will escape the Government's ire only because its budget is less than the cut-off of

£10m decreed by Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment. Being a new town is at the heart of the problem, Mr Mitchinson said. The Government's expenditure assessment simply does not recognize the special costs associated with building up a community from scratch. Basildon is still building houses, and servicing those built by the development corporation, appointed by the same Department of the Environment. That is Basildon's "objective" case. Beyond that, Mr Tinworth said, the Labour council believes in certain kinds of provision. The town does very well by its elderly, with generous concessionary fares; there are advice centres for the unemployed (who even here in the prosperous South-east total 16 per cent). The council has chosen to keep council house rents down (by means of subsidy from the rates) and chosen, despite the climate of spending restraint, to go on considering new projects. Its municipal newspaper for July speaks of a new woman's clinic.

Those are the policies tested at the election (where the turnout was the usual, less than 50 per cent) and Mr Tinworth and the Labour councillors stand by them. "For efficiency, I am not worried by any objective test of whether this council gets value for money. Indeed I would welcome a special audit to prove we do", Mr Tinworth said. Rates in the district are comparatively high: the occupants of a three-bedroom semi-detached house are paying £413 this year (a figure that includes the county precept) compared with £354 along the Finchley Street line in Southend. Mr Mitchinson said that the impact of the district council's bills on industry in the area were a "small bite". If Basildon reduced its rate by 10 per cent to meet government targets, a big local employer such as Ford Motors would save only £30,000. But such a cut, Basildon says, would mean fewer council staff employed and a reduced quality of life in this pleasant new town.

Overseas selling prices: Austria 9.50, Belgium 8.00, Canada 1.00, Denmark 1.00, France 1.00, Germany 1.00, Greece 1.00, Hong Kong 1.00, India 1.00, Italy 1.00, Japan 1.00, Korea 1.00, Malaysia 1.00, Mexico 1.00, New Zealand 1.00, Norway 1.00, Portugal 1.00, Singapore 1.00, Spain 1.00, Sweden 1.00, Switzerland 1.00, Taiwan 1.00, Thailand 1.00, USA 1.00, West Germany 1.00, Yugoslavia 1.00.

### Police in picket line clash

Five hundred pickets followed an attempt by Highland Folicors to restart production at their Strickbourn oil platform yard at Nigg on the Cromarty Firth yesterday. There were scuffles between pickets and about sixty police as buses carrying workers who had accepted a management offer of a return to work tried to go in.

# Irish Prime Minister to speak out against abortion ban amendment

From Richard Ford Belfast

The Prime Minister of the Irish Republic will issue a statement next week opposing the constitutional amendment banning abortion. It will be the climax of an increasing divisive and political campaign.



Mr Desmond: Criticized by amendment supporters.

Dr Garret Fitzgerald will outline his opposition to the Fianna Fail wording, which he believes is dangerous, and urge the electorate to vote "no" in the referendum on September 7. His crucial statement, which is unlikely to be in the form of a nationwide broadcast will be made at the end of a week in which Mr Dick Spring, Leader of the Labour Party and deputy Prime Minister, is also expected to call for a "no" vote.

Four cabinet ministers have already expressed opposition to the amendment. Two more Fine Gael members have been publicly rebuked by the chairman of the parliamentary party for speaking out after a decision that only Dr Fitzgerald would outline the party's position.

The tone of the debate is becoming increasingly rancorous, with the Minister for Health and Social Welfare, Mr Barry Desmond, being criticized by the pro-life amendment campaigners for making a statement "unworthy of a member of the Government."

Mr Desmond said that the supporters of the amendment were "a very small group of extreme Catholics of extreme constitutional views." After one bitter television debate a prominent member of the anti-amendment campaign

had hoped he would introduce social reforms.

The abortion issue has dismayed them, but if he attempts to reform family planning laws and facilitate divorce he risks splitting his party.

The Fianna Fail party has remained on the face of it solidly in support of the amendment, although some deputies who opposed Mr Charles Haughey during the several attempts against his leadership are thought to be opposed to the wording.

However, a grassroots "Fianna Fail against the amendment" has emerged to lobby party deputies and senators. Mr Alan Graham, a Dublin solicitor, who is one of its organizers, said that up to 20 members of the parliamentary party were likely to vote "no" but it was unlikely they would say so in public.

With most people believing the referendum will be carried, attention is now focused on the turnout and regional variations. It is thought there will be a high turnout and "yes" vote in the rural west, but in the rapidly growing and urbanized Dublin area and surrounding midlands there will be a larger "no" vote, with perhaps a low turnout.

If the amendment is passed, its opponents expect there will be moves made in the courts to declare intra-uterine contraceptive devices and the morning after pill as abortifacients and therefore illegal.

The Supreme Court will then have to decide at what point life begins.

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## Tube driver mastermind comes out on top again

Christopher Hughes (above) the London Underground driver who won the BBC Mastermind trophy in May, was out yesterday with the Great Western Railway preservation society and so not available to comment on winning the four-nation Mastermind contest shown on television last night (Kenneth Gosling writes).

The programme, recorded some days ago, featured contestants from Ireland, Australia and New Zealand as well as Mr Hughes as the

United Kingdom representative. His knowledge of the history of British steam locomotives again stood him in good stead, with 18 points and no passes. Mr John Egan, of Ireland, however, scored 19, with no passes and no wrong answers, answering questions on the life and music of Bob Dylan.

But it was Mr Hughes' command of general knowledge in the second round that pushed him ahead to win the contest.

## Government rejects request to fund ecology congress

The Government is under increasing pressure to help finance a conservation conference in Scotland which the Prime Minister's friend, Sir Laurens van der Post, has played a large part in organizing.

Sir Laurens said yesterday that he accepted the Government's decision not to support the Third World Wilderness Congress financially because the request for money had been "sprung on them".

But he added: "I do not see how any British government can fail to respond, knowing young people's anxiety about what is being done to the Earth. If they do not do something, there will not be any Earth for the politicians in quarrel about."

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Lintlithgow, has written to Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, demanding "a token £10,000" to help put on the conference, which starts in Inverness on October 8. He made a similar request in Mr Jenkin's predecessor, Mr Michael Heseltine, but was told that the Government could not budget for the conference, which is costing £60,000, is taking place in Scotland after being held successfully in South Africa in 1977 and Australia in 1980. On both occasions the grant from the

respective governments amounted to £60,000.

Sir Laurens, who will attend the conference with senior ministers from the United States, Canada and the EEC, as well as leading figures in the world of conservation and the arts, said that "responded immediately in the congress and said that she would see someone was responsible for attending the conference".

Pressed on whether he had expected the Government to help finance the conference, he said: "I do not think one really wants to take issue with the Government on a point like this. The whole concept of wilderness conservation is new in the United Kingdom."

Mr Vance Martin, executive officer organizing the conference, said that the original budget had been £30,000, but this had been cut down to £60,000. The Highlands and Islands Development Board had contributed £10,000, the EEC £3,000 and Gulf Oil £5,000, he said, but he was still trying to cut down on bills.

## LT may join minibus battle

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Two rival minibus services could be operating in competition with the familiar red buses in central London by the end of this year.

If the Government allows the appeal by the private enterprise "pirate" operator, Associated Minibus Operators (Amos), London Transport may run a similar service. I understand that would involve 16 seaters operation every two or three minutes. Like taxis, they would be on call to passers-by.

If that happens, bus travel from the suburbs and through the centre should be speeded up and be much more frequent than

Londoners have been accustomed to in recent years.

For the first time since the "pirate operators" of the 1920s, who raced each other and fought for street space in a cut-throat market that was stopped by legislation 50 years ago, the travelling public would find itself actively courted by rivals competing for their favours.

Such a scene would be much in line with the Thatcher government's thinking, but there are strong fears that letting competitions loose on London's crowded streets could result in lower safety standards, more congestion, and severe losses to London Transport and the taxi operators.

Those fears account for the cautious line taken by Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Transport, who has set up a second public inquiry to hear the Amos appeal after an earlier one conducted by a London Transport inspector in March, rather than simply allow it himself.

The inspector had recommended that the Amos service, using 800 minibuses on four routes criss-crossing central London from the suburbs, should be refused, and criticized Amos for poor forecasting and an ill-prepared case.

## Alternative claimed to straw burning

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The assertion by the National Farmers' Union (NFU) that there is no practical alternative to straw burning has been challenged by a Nottinghamshire engineering firm, which claims that its new "densifying" system will make the practice a thing of the past.

Mr Errol Mason, managing director of Bootham North Engineering, of Worksop, says the densifier will process up to 10 tonnes of straw an hour, turning it into compact combustible cubes for use as fuel. It will do the same with other waste materials, including sawdust, cardboard, coal dust and textiles.

He estimates that over seven years the cost of processing would be between £7 and £14 a tonne. Farmers unable to afford machines of their own could form a consortium with their neighbours to produce fuel either for their own heating needs, or to be sold as a cheap alternative to coal.

Because of public protests at the waste and environmental hazards associated with burning fields of straw and stubble after the harvest, there is now a real likelihood that the Government will be forced to impose further restrictions, if not an outright ban.

That has encouraged companies like Bootham to come forward with alternatives, and the NFU has repeatedly said that it welcomes ideas.

But last week Mr Christopher Righton, the NFU deputy president, said that while no one was happy to see between five and six million tonnes of a potentially useful commodity going up in smoke each year, the "plain truth" was that there was at present no practical alternative.

The demand for straw for industrial purposes had not yet made an impact on the very considerable surplus, he said.

## Royalty 'just ordinary'

The Prince of Wales's former valet, Mr Stephen Barry, says in an interview published today that the Royal Family are "very ordinary" people in their private lives - "nothing like 'Dallas' or 'Dynasty'".

Mr Barry, who left the Royal Household after the Prince's marriage, says the Royal Family as "wonderfully middle class except they wear crowns. The Queen is basically just a countrywoman, she enjoys country pursuits", he told *Woman's Own*.

What really separates the Royal Family from the rest of society, Mr Barry says, is that they have four palaces or private homes, 300 staff and a yacht, three helicopters and three aircraft at their disposal.

## School reopens for inquiries

Croxkith Comprehensive School, which is to be run as an independent school for 12 months by a group of parents and teachers, will open today to answer inquiries from parents.

The Department of Education and Science has agreed to pay half the running costs, leaving Labour-controlled Liverpool City Council, which is to resume control of the school next year, to pay up to £200,000.

## British win skill medals

Three British building apprentices flew back to London from Linz, Austria yesterday with gold medals from the international Skill Olympics, a craft competition.

Mr John Dutton from Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, won the bricklaying medal, Mr John Joy, from the village of Newgate Street, Hertfordshire, won the plastering and Mr Robert Morrison, from Bristol, took the gold for stonemasonry.

## Woman leaves £1/2m for charity

Miss Margery Turner, aged 78, of Carsick Hill Crescent, Rammoor, Sheffield, has left nearly £900,000 in her will in charity.

The money will be shared between the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, the Royal National Life-Boat Institution, the Methodist Homes for the Aged and the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council.

## Irish police find cannabis crop

Irish police yesterday confiscated almost 700 cannabis plants found growing on a mountainside near the town of Gort, Co Galway. The cannabis was well cultivated, a police spokesman said, and within two weeks of being ready for harvest, its potential market value was estimated at more than £160,000. No arrests have been made.

## Weight problem

The police were called out yesterday while emergency repairs were carried out on a Chipperfield's Circus lorry, containing an elephant, two camels and four shire horses, which had broken down on the A46 near Bingham, Nottinghamshire.

## Overtime ban

A meeting of more than 1,750 employees at John Brown Engineering at Clydebank, Strathclyde, voted yesterday to begin an immediate overtime ban to protest at 500 lay-offs announced last week.

## Rural doctors 'ignorant of pesticide poison signs'

By Our Agriculture Correspondent

Most rural doctors would not recognize the symptoms of poisoning by pesticides and other agricultural chemicals because they have not been alerted to them, a farmworkers' union official claims.

Writing in the latest issue of *Footloose*, an environmental and outdoor activities magazine published today, Mr Christopher Kaufman, who is responsible for public relations for the agricultural and allied workers' section of the Transport and General Workers' Union, accuses the Government of continuing to

allow many chemicals banned in other EEC countries and in the United States, to be sold to farmers and gardeners.

Mr Kaufman cites in particular the controversial diosin-based weedkiller 2,4,5-T on which the European Commission recommended a ban last year.

Although the immediate effects of exposure to spray drift, such as watering eyes, dizziness, headaches and nausea, are known, there may be serious long-term effects which do not show for many years, he says.

## Reward of £80,000 in jewel hunt

By a Staff Reporter

An insurance company has offered an £80,000 reward for the recovery of £800,000 worth of jewelry stolen in what is believed to be one of the biggest raids on a private house.

The raid, early on Sunday, was at the country mansion owned by Mr Tej Hajjar at Rogate, Midhurst, Sussex. Mr Hajjar, a Jordanian, entertains relatives from the Jordanian royal family at the house, which is heavily guarded.

Sussex police yesterday issued a list of the 51 items stolen. Those include a £130,000 pearl necklace with a sapphire and diamond clasp in yellow gold, another pearl necklace worth £129,000, two South Sea pearl necklaces each worth £60,000, as well as a number of gold watches, sapphire bracelets, rings, pendants and brooches.

Also stolen was a finely carved old coral pendant piece showing the head of a Chinese sage with a gold back and gold and diamond set motifs worth £2,450.

Most of the gems were in personal jewel boxes or presentation boxes bearing the names of Carrards of Regent Street, London, or Ginza, Tokyo, Japan. The insurers have not been named.

The raid on the house, set in a 300-acre estate used as a stud farm, is surprising because of the extensive security precautions including cameras, six guard dogs and burglar alarms.

But the police said that the raid was not necessarily carried out by a professional burglar. Det Sgt Gordon Harrison said: "There is adequate security up to a point, but any security system can be breached."



Woman Police Constable Susan Mackey (above), wearing a dress similar to the one Mrs Diana Jones wore when she vanished from her home in Coggeshall, Essex, on July 23. Detectives spent more than a week trying to track down such a dress and obtained one from a fashion firm in Middlesex. They hope it might jog the memory of witnesses who may have seen Mrs Jones, aged 35, before or after she disappeared.

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# Kissinger's return to the fold provokes boycott of Reagan by the right

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan will be shunned by the powerful political right in a forthcoming publicity campaign about Central America. It is not that they disagree with his anti-communist rhetoric or the general thrust of his policies; they just cannot abide the fact that he has brought Dr Henry Kissinger into the fold.

There will be mass mailings, newspaper advertisements, speeches and television commercials urging an aggressive response to the spread of communism in Central America. A strong and sustained military presence in the region will be advocated. Mr Reagan was to have been showered with praise during the campaign, but his name has been written out of the scripts since the appointment of Dr Kissinger as head of a presidential commission studying long-term policy options in the region.

Senator John Glenn (Ohio) has been sounding more and more like President Reagan. He said the threat to communist subversion could not be denied, but added that US military force should be used only as a last resort. "Never again should we see American troops to fight wars that we do not intend to win".

Senator Gary Hart (Colorado) who is planning a trip to Latin America soon, advocates the freezing of military aid and US troop levels in the region. In general, only he and Mr Cranston have so far offered any specific alternatives to President Reagan's policies. In their search for advisers the Democratic contenders are interviewing hosts of academics and former government officials, some of whom helped frame the policies of the Carter Administration - policies that, in the view of the right, resulted in the fall of Nicaragua to the Sandinistas and the spread of Cuban interference in Central America.

The right fears that Dr Kissinger's commission will espouse similar policies of conciliation. One of the many right-wing groups, the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress, said of the President's appointment of Dr Kissinger: "We were ready to make a massive commitment on (the Administration's behalf and they went and pulled one of the dumbest political moves of any Administration yet".

The other would-be candidates have sounded less hostile to American policy. All oppose continued covert US aid to rebels in Nicaragua, but they support such fundamentals of the Reagan Administration's policies as military aid to El Salvador and economic assistance to the region. Mr Cranston is urging withdrawal of military aid from El Salvador unless it holds elections and ends abuses of human rights.



## Basque floods bring disease risk

Devastation debris. A man and a child studying the scene of devastation in Lodio, northern Spain, yesterday.

At least 37 people have been killed and roads, railways, homes and factories have been wrecked in the flooding across Spain's Basque country over the weekend (Reuter reports).

Officials said yesterday that a shortage of drinking water and the risk of disease from refuse and dead animals were the most serious problems. Supplies of food and medicine are being rushed to the region.

## Zia says opposition manipulated by 'foreign masters'

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

President Zia-ul-Haq has accused the leaders of the anti-martial law agitation in Pakistan of playing "to the tune of their foreign masters". This is the first time since the agitation began more than two weeks ago that Pakistan's military ruler has made allegations of foreign influence in the opposition movement. He did not give any details.

The Pakistan Government has already protested to the Indian Government over reported statements by Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, and her Foreign Minister, which have been described as interference in Pakistan's internal affairs. Speaking to reporters here on Sunday shortly before leaving for a visit to Turkey, President Zia refused to hold talks with the opposition party heads leading the agitation. He described them as "riff-raff" but said that he had been holding consultations with responsible and patriotic leaders. He said that if the Movement for Restoration of Democracy, an alliance of eight opposition parties, was meant to seek restoration of democracy "then they got the wrong end of the

bloody stick. I shall tell them how to get the right end of the stick". General Zia was confident that the troubles in Sind were on the wane. He remained confident that elections would be held by March, 1985 and indicated that he did not intend to advance the timetable for this.

ANKARA: President Zia, leaving behind deepening political turmoil, arrived here for a five-day official visit, returning the one paid to his country by President Kenan Evren two years ago (Reuter Gurtelek writes). Accompanied by his wife and a large delegation, including the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Planning and Justice, he began official talks soon after his arrival. Besides a review of Pakistani relations and cooperation, the talks include an exchange of views on international subjects. Political and diplomatic observers also expect the two heads of state to exchange views on the handling of the promised restoration of democracy in their countries after years of military rule.

## Peace offer to Habré from rebels

Ndjamena (AP) - The Libyan-backed rebel regime in northern Chad yesterday called for a "sincere and definite reconciliation" of all Chadians, including President Hissène Habré.

The rebel radio in Bardai on the Libyan border, monitored here, broadcast a communiqué of the rebel regime yesterday led by President Goukouni Oueddei. The communiqué was the rebels' first formal response to a policy statement issued last week by President Mitterrand, outlining the mission and objectives of the French task force in Chad.

The broadcast referred to "Comrade President Goukouni Oueddei" but gave no indication of his whereabouts. Mr Goukouni has not been seen in the rebel-held area for more than three weeks.

The communiqué said the rebels' "Chad Government of National Unity" denounced Mitterrand's proposal for a federation between the two hostile parts of the divided nation. But it added that it agreed in "the sincere and definite reconciliation" - under the auspices of the Organization of African Unity - of all Chadians - even Hissène Habré, if he shows the necessary good will.

The broadcast left no doubt, however, that the rebels refused to recognize President Habré's "illegal, reactionary, pro-Western and pro-Zionist regime".

ADDIS ABABA: Mr Abdjalil al-Obaidi, the Libyan Foreign Minister, who arrived here on Sunday night, and Mr Goshu Wolde, his Ethiopian counterpart, began talks here yesterday in what was believed to be an integral part of consultations aimed at a negotiated settlement to the Chadian civil war (AFP reports).

## Andropov's arms plan wins praise

Bonn (Reuter) - West European governments gave a guarded but positive reaction yesterday to the Soviet offer to scrap some SS20 missiles targeted on Western Europe.

West Germany said that President Andropov's proposal was a positive development, and Sigvard Betanin, the Swedish Prime Minister, said that Mr Andropov had clarified the issue.

Hans Peter Rosenthal, the Bonn chief government spokesman, said, however, that the proposal meant that Moscow was still blocking progress in US-Soviet arms talks in Geneva, because Mr Andropov's offer on including French and British weapons in the talks.

Henry Kissinger told a press conference there were four positive points: the Andropov proposal represented a genuine reduction in Soviet missiles; the missiles would be destroyed and not just redeployed; this avoided an additional possible threat to East Asia; and the offer showed that the Soviet Union was mindful of West European concerns.

In Rome, Signor Craxi told Mr Yuri Karlov, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires, of "the interest of the Italian Government in the new proposal, which clarify part of the problems".

VIENNA: Soviet block newspapers yesterday praised Mr Andropov's proposal as a significant initiative for peace and security in Europe (Reuter reports).

The Bulgarian party newspaper Rabotnichesko Delo quoted by the official BTA news agency called the proposal, "one more big step towards achieving a mutually acceptable agreement at the Geneva talks". Andropov cracks whip, page 6

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## Bandaranaike ignored

From Donovan Mahipich, Colombo

The Government yesterday denied planning to lift penalties imposed on the former Prime Minister, Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, and that the ruling United National Party would consult her Freedom Party on settling the Tamil problem.

The denial followed reports in an English-language newspaper yesterday that Mrs Bandaranaike's civic rights would be

restored if the proposed round-table talks between the main political parties opposed to the Government and the Tamil United Liberation Front proved successful.

The speculation arose after the Indian special envoy, Mr Gopalswami Parthasarathy, had talks at the weekend with leaders of the Tamil United Liberation Front and Mrs Bandaranaike.

## Atom test inquiry in doubt

From Tony Dubois, Melbourne

Australia's acceptance of an invitation to send scientists to Mururoa atoll to study the effects of the French nuclear testing programme has been thrown into doubt after the first day of the 13-nation South Pacific Forum meeting in Canberra yesterday.

It is believed the forum, which reaches decisions by consensus and at which no votes are taken, failed to agree on the French proposal and the invitation will now go back to the Australian Cabinet for further consideration. Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister, made it clear last month that Australia's acceptance of the French invitation was dependent on the forum endorsing the mission.

The nuclear issue dominated yesterday's session of the two-day forum meeting. Australia continued to urge the member-nations to adopt a proposal for a nuclear-free Pacific. Australia also proposed that should the forum adopt the plan it should then go to the United Nations. This is seen by observers in Canberra as an effort to embarrass the French. In a further move likely to worsen relations between Australia and France, Canberra also proposed that the plan should be put forward at the region's other political body, the South Pacific Conference, at which France is represented, unlike the forum.

While Australia dominated much of yesterday's proceedings, it did not itself escape criticism. It is understood that some members attacked Australia for urging that the United States should be allowed transit rights in the region for nuclear-armed vessels.

## Students in rally for ex-Regent

Johannesburg - Students mounted demonstrations in Mbabane, the Swaziland capital, for the second time in a week over the dismissal of Queen Dzinze as Regent. They scattered as police made a baton charge (Ray Kennedy writes).

Prince Bhekiamp, the Prime Minister, has announced that a general election for the 40-member Parliament will be held on October 29.

## Fatal flight

Brisbane (Reuter, AFP) - A light aircraft chartered to an oil exploration company crashed in the Queensland bush, killing all 12 people on board.

## Hanoi truce

Hongkong (Reuter) - Vietnam announced that it would unilaterally observe a ceasefire along its border with China. The Vietnam News Agency said Peking had not responded to a Vietnamese proposal made 10 days ago.

## Cuba training

Abidjan (Reuter) - Ghana is sending 600 teenagers to Cuba for training to meet the country's skills manpower needs, Ghanaian news agency reported. A group of 240 children, aged from 13 to 16, left for Havana last Wednesday.

## Storm passes

Matamoros, Mexico (AP) - Hurricane Barry missed Texas coastal waters, which had been battered by Hurricane Alicia 10 days earlier, and hit El Mesquite and Santa Teresa across the border in Mexico.

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# Kohl hopes resignation crisis will not delay symbolic trip to Israel

From Michael Blayon, Bonn

Mr Menachem Begin's threatened resignation has thrown into confusion Dr Helmut Kohl's four-day visit to Israel. But the West German Chancellor seems determined not to let the crisis stop him going ahead with a visit seen here and in Jerusalem as being of considerable symbolic importance.

The Bonn Government's spokesman admitted yesterday that the Chancellor was unsure whether he could depart tomorrow as planned or whether the prospect of an impending election in Israel would force a postponement. Urgent consultations are now going on in Bonn and Jerusalem to see what politics and protocol should dictate.

Dr Kohl was due to hold talks with Mr Begin, but was not expecting any substantive political negotiations. He has stated firmly that the main aim of the trip, promised before his election victory in March, was to improve the atmosphere between the two countries, and reaffirm German commitment to Israel's prosperity and security.

Herr Helmut Schmidt two years ago, accusing him of being loyal to Hitler until the end, and of disregarding German guilt for the Holocaust.

That outburst, which led to an official protest from Bonn, followed the former Chancellor's backing for Palestinian self-determination. Herr Schmidt disapproved of Mr Begin's policies and did not visit Israel, so that it is now 10 years since a West German Chancellor, Herr Willy Brandt, went to Jerusalem.

Israel welcomed Dr Kohl's election as a chance to start a fresh chapter in relations and although Bonn, together with other EEC states, criticized the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last summer and has called for a troop withdrawal and an end to the occupation of the West Bank, Dr Kohl, is not expected to press these criticisms in public.

Although Dr Kohl initially favoured the sale, he has put off a final decision until his visit to Saudi Arabia in October.

However, unofficially it is now clear the deal will not go through, and that Dr Kohl, like Herr Schmidt, sees it as contradicting Bonn's embargo on arms to the principal Middle East antagonists.

The Chancellor, who makes much of the fact he was only two years old when Hitler came to power, has not flinched from denouncing Germany's Nazi past or admitting historic guilt for the Holocaust. One of his first acts on arrival will be to lay a wreath at the Yad Vashem memorial to Holocaust victims.

Israelis will study his speeches carefully, however, to ensure that he does not seek to minimize German responsibility.



Spoils of war: Left-wing militiamen celebrating their capture of a Lebanese Army personnel carrier in Beirut yesterday after the worst violence for a year in the capital.

## Ex-minister held in fraud case

Seoul (Reuters) - Sixteen people, including a former South Korean Cabinet Minister, eight government officials and four bank executives, have been arrested in connexion with a financial scandal, the prosecutor's office said.

Mr Yoon Ja Jung, former Transport Minister and president of the Korea Trade Promotion Corporation, was charged with accepting bribes totalling about £73,000 from Mr Kim Chul Ho, head of the Myungang lecture industries group, who was arrested on August 17 on fraud and tax evasion charges.

## Moi returned

Nairobi (AP) - President Daniel Arap Moi, aged 59, automatically won a second five-year term as the Kenyan head of state when no other candidate stood to oppose him in his parliamentary constituency in Baringo.

## Heiress held

Athens (Reuters) - Miss Christina Onassis was questioned by customs officials for three hours at Akion, north-west Greece, before being allowed to leave for Switzerland. She recently appeared against a Greek court ruling that she owed about £22m in inheritance taxes.

## Defence plea

Tokyo (Reuters) - The Japanese Defence Agency is seeking a 6.9 per cent increase to £8,000m in next year's budget to improve air and naval defence.

## Guerrilla strike

Lima (AFP) - A policeman was killed and another seriously wounded as they fought off a guerrilla attempt to blow up a power station in Cajamarca, northern Peru.

## Four shot dead

Johannesburg (AFP) - Two policemen and a civilian who was helping them were shot dead by Johann Tautz, an escaped prisoner, who then killed himself.

## Pictures stolen

Rome (AFP) - Valuable drawings by Henry Moore have been stolen from the home of Signor Carmine Beninca, an Italian art critic. They were not insured.

## 400 executed

Geneva (AFP) - Indonesia has summarily executed at least 400 people since 1982 because they were former convicts, according to the International Commission of Jurists.

## Envoy fires conference salvo despite boycott

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

Despite its boycott of the UN International Conference on the Palestine Question, Israel managed to fire the opening salvo yesterday by claiming that the conference was in effect denying the Jewish people its inalienable rights on its land.

Mr Ovdia Soffer, the Israeli Ambassador, said shortly before the conference opened at the Palais des Nations that the United Nations had squandered \$6m (£4m) on the conference and that the conference's "extremist sponsors" were demanding that the Jews be prohibited from engaging in any activity which asserted their right to self-determination.

"The Middle East is no more Arab than it is Jewish, Turkish, Persian, Kurdish, Druze, Maronite or other", he said. Only by direct negotiations with its neighbours could Israel advance peace in the Middle East.

In opening the conference, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary General, also spoke about inalienable rights, in this case those of the Palestinians. "All members of the international community share a clear obligation to resolve the central problem of the legitimate rights

and future of the Palestinian people", he said. "This task has been further complicated by the growth of Israeli settlements on the West Bank and by continuing failure to get down to meaningful negotiations."

A just settlement depended on recognition of the Palestinian people's legitimate rights, including self-determination. The question of Jerusalem remained of primary importance. There must be negotiation, recognition and accommodation.

A message from Mr Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, read by Mr Faruk Kaddumi, reaffirmed the PLO's determination to oppose Israel's expansionism. Mr Arafat is expected to visit the conference before it ends on September 7.

● Unwilling host: Switzerland, an unwilling host to the conference, has mobilized some 3,000 troops and police in its biggest peacetime security operation (Reuters reports).

Much of Geneva was turned into an armed camp for the conference.

## Lee Kuan Yew plays Cupid

Singapore (Reuters) - The Singapore Government says it is planning a computerized match-making service to help women university graduates marry and produce better-educated children for the good of the state.

The plan was disclosed by the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Goh Keng Swee, who said the Government was planning to buy software from Japan for computerized match-making.

He urged Singapore University professors to study the matter and suggested a course in courting techniques for students entering the university.

"If we allow events to take their natural course, a large proportion of women graduates, probably the majority, will remain unmarried," Mr Goh said, backing up arguments put forward earlier this month by the Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, which have created a controversy here.

Mr Lee said that uneducated Singapore women produced twice as many babies as their educated counterparts, and unless the trend was reversed the country would lose its talent pool and the economy would falter.

learn from Japan where "the computer has entered the match-making business".

"Matching is done by the computer but the print-outs are checked by a human before meetings are arranged in suitable surroundings with soft lights and romantic background music," he added.

Unlike Japan, where a woman reaching 30 "becomes desperate and grabs at any man available", Singapore's women graduates became more fastidious and demanding as they became set in their life-style, he said.

## Greek bakeries close in price protest

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greek bakers refused to make bread yesterday as a protest against the Government's latest bread price increases which they say are inadequate.

After a rally in central Athens, where fresh loaves were given away to sympathizers, several thousands of them marched to the Ministry of Commerce and presented a resolution calling for a dialogue between the Minister and the bakers' federation.

ing some large increases in flour prices, decreed stricter specifications for three types of basic bread, and granted only modest price increases on the grounds that bakers enjoyed wide profit margins.

Bakers reacted by limiting production of regulation bread to favour of smaller "de luxe" loaves whose price is not subject to state controls. When the Government unleashed the market police to sue recalcitrant bakers, many bakers simply closed down, ostensibly for a summer vacation.

The "bread war" has caused a great deal of embarrassment to the Socialist government of a country of avid bread eaters.

"Government-sanctioned increases for flour, fuel and wages have caused production costs to climb by 44 per cent this year", a spokesman said.

## Dad's Army all set for space

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Huge crowds gathered around Cape Canaveral last night to watch the space shuttle Challenger make a spectacular exit from Earth. The first shuttle night launching at 2.15am local time (07.15 BST) today was guaranteed to light up the sky from Cuba to South Carolina.

The crew of five includes America's first black man in space, Lieutenant-Colonel Guion (Guy) Bluford, an Air Force officer who flew combat missions in Vietnam.

The crew also includes the oldest man to go into space, Dr William Thornton, a physician who is 54.

The mission is an encouragement to all those who believe life begins at 40. The commander, Captain Richard Truly, is 45. Colonel Bluford is 40, and the pilot, Commander Daniel Bramdenstein, is also 40. The fifth member of the crew, Lieutenant-Commander Dale Gardner, is virtually the ship's boy at the age of 34.

## Aquino's hearse mobbed

Manila (Reuters) - Crowds yesterday surged round the hearse conveying the body of Benigno Aquino, the murdered opposition leader, back to Manila, and for a time the vehicle was carried by the mourners, witnesses said.

The hearse led a slow convoy of more than 45 cars bearing Aquino's family and supporters through the packed streets of Angeles City, 45 miles north of Manila. People pressed forward to clap on the windows.

When the hearse turned into the highway, about 100 young men in symbolic colours dashed out and picked it up.

The presidential palace said that a former Supreme Court judge, Mr Julio Villamor, who is 81, had agreed to serve on the commission of five set up to investigate the murder. Earlier, two other retired Supreme Court judges and Cardinal Jaime Sin had declined invitations to serve on it.

The commission is composed of retired Supreme Court members except for its chairman, Chief Justice Enrique Fernando.

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# 100 injured as Sikhs armed with swords storm Amritsar office

Chandigarh (Reuter, AFP) - Serious fighting broke out in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar yesterday when militants stormed an important government office, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. About 100 people were injured.

Up to 15,000 Sikhs, wielding swords, spears and other weapons broke through barbed wire barricades and stormed into the office of the deputy commissioner, the town's top administrative officer.

The demonstrators defied tear gas barrages and police baton charges to storm the building, the news agency said, and police and demonstrators fought hand-to-hand battles. Several people were helped bleeding from the scene.

The Amritsar demonstration was part of a general strike called by the Sikhs in Punjab to press demands for greater state autonomy.

Punjab's inspector general of police, Mr M. E. Bhinder, told Reuters in Chandigarh, the state's administrative capital, that crowds of between 100 and 3,000 were gathered around barbed wire barricades at government offices in most of Punjab's other main towns.

Witnesses said that the Amritsar crowd set off from the Golden Temple, the Sikh's holiest shrine and headquarters of the militant Sikh Akali Dal party which called the strike.

Schools and universities throughout Punjab, where most of India's 12 million Sikhs live, were closed yesterday and extra police and paramilitary forces were on

duty to head off violence which marred other stoppages this year.

In April, a road blockade in Punjab resulted in violence in which at least 21 people died.

Militant Sikhs want religious and political concessions for the state, a rich agricultural area known as India's breadbasket for its production of wheat and other food.

Reporting the clash as a pitched battle, PTI said police used tear gas in an effort to disperse the crowd.

The Sikhs cut their way through a barbed wire fence



Mr Gandhi: Strike coincides with visit.

around the office, uprooted barricades and charged in the PTI report said.

● DELHI: Shops and offices closed yesterday throughout the north-eastern state of Assam and private cars kept off the streets at the start of a 36-hour strike called by Hindu militants.

It was the most serious challenge there to the Government since widespread violence in February and March when 3,000 people died and more than 300,000 were made homeless during elections.

The strike was called by mostly Hindu Assamese who want immigrants to be deported from the Brahmaputra Valley state.

Police rounded up more than 100 Assamese militants before the strike in anticipation of possible violence and armed police patrolled streets. The state government outlawed stoppage of essential services.

The protest coincided with a visit to Assam by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the son of Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister.

The agitation was started four years ago by Assamese demanding the deportation of what they say are 3.5 million Muslim immigrants from former East Pakistan.

It burst into widespread killings during February's elections after the Assamese hard-liners claimed many of the migrants were illegally listed as voters.

The All Assam Students Union and the All Assam People's Action Council, cosponsors of the campaign against immigrants from Bangladesh and Nepal, called the strike to demand an early resolution of the immigration issue and to protest against the "imposition" of an "illegal government" by Mrs Gandhi.

# Short shrift for Brezhnevites Andropov cracks the whip at home

In his concluding article on President Andropov's policy initiatives, RICHARD OWEN, our Moscow Correspondent, reports on his approach to domestic issues.

Few Russians the most arresting aspect of Mr Andropov's busy August was not his meeting with American senators or his proposal for a ban on space weapons, but his whip-cracking drive for discipline at home.

Mr Andropov has fixed his steady gaze on the shortcomings of the Soviet economy, not to say the Russian character. He has no patience with the theory of the "broad Russian soul", regarding it as a pretext for laziness and drunkenness.

He dislikes the Russian vice of ward-spinning hyperbole. Above all, he has made it clear that a military superpower with a huge defence budget cannot afford an economy which is technologically backward and suffers from large gaps in production and distribution.

Most Russians, lying on beaches or relaxing in *dacha* gardens, were shocked to read in their papers on August 7 that they would be severely punished for absenteeism or alcoholism when they got back to their factory benches or office desks.

"We will relax all the harder, knowing we're going to have to work harder," one office-worker joked. But most realized Mr Andropov was not joking. He followed the announcement of penalties for slacking with a meeting of party veterans a week later at which he underlined that the announcement meant what it said.

It is compensation for some to know that Mr Andropov and his team are combining this drive for discipline with a gradual but



Symbolic line-up: Mr Andropov flanked by Mr Romanov (left) and Mr Gorbachov.

determined economic reform programme. It is small comfort for others, however - and they include managers - who stand to lose earnings, promotion, or even jobs.

The limited reforms which come into force in January have been criticised as inadequate but do link earnings more closely to productivity. The "brigade system" used on some farms, which rewards team effort and distributes profits, has been given full approval by Pravda.

At his meeting with party veterans on August 15 Mr Andropov made short shrift of those with comfortable careers under Mr Brezhnev who now argue that the system is cumbersome to reform.

"We have not been vigorous enough... We not infrequently resorted to half-measures and could not overcome accumulated inertia," he said - phrases already chiselled in stone for Agitprop lecturers to repeat. "We must now make up for what we have lost."

Scripted or not, most Russians understood Mr Andropov meant business. They also understood the symbolism in the fact that he was flanked by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, who is 53, and Mr Grigory Romanov, who is 60. Youthful by Politburo standards, ambitious and astute, they

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# Insects eat mummies in Peru's museums

From Edward Schumacher New York Times

Pre-Columbian mummies of art and artifacts of major historical interest, some dating to 6,000 years before Christ, are rotting, crumbling, or being stolen from museums here.

Museum curators and archaeologists say that up to half of the precious ceramics, textiles and other objects in Peru's more than 250 public and private museums have been lost or irreparably damaged in recent years.

"Each day we are losing more," says Senor Luis Guillermo Lumbrales, a leading Peruvian archaeologist and former director of the National Archaeology and Anthropology Museum. "It's a disaster."

Unesco study completed last month on Peru's museums concluded that after years of meagre budgets, they can no longer cope with their problems.

The decay of antiquities is a problem shared by many developing nations but Peru's problem is especially critical. Peru was one of the most advanced centres of ancient civilization in the Western Hemisphere. And it holds an interest for museum curators, archaeologists and historians mentioned only by Egypt and China.

The trouble began after objects were removed from the ground and put in museums and storerooms - without humidity controls.

Peru, which is one of the poorest nations in South America, has a population of only about 2600 a year, cannot afford the controlled environment that would assure the preservation of the relics.

A recent stockroom tour of the more than 500,000 pieces in the national museum, an expanded Smithsonian, showed them to be infested with rats and attacked by fungi. The museum lacks climate controls and is seriously underfunded.

Many colourful painted ceramics have turned dull in storage. Among these are vases of 2,500-year-old Nazca polychrome vases depicting stylized cats and birds that are now faded and lifeless.

There are mummies in the museum, too. Peru's many ancient cultures - the Chavin, Paracas and Inca, which began emerging 8,000 years ago - mummified their dead and buried them with ceramics, weavings, seeds and food.

While mummies thousands of years of old have been exposed on storage shelves, insects have eaten the hair. Buckets of bats skulls sit in the storeroom outside. So do eggs, cardboard boxes where researchers keep their shards and other study pieces. The research takes place in wooden stacks.

# Store raid gang to die in China

From Richard Hughes Hongkong

A Hongkong resident has been sentenced to death by a Chinese court in Shumichun "special economic zone" bordering this colony for his part in a department store robbery.

A gang of six, wearing masks and brandishing knives, broke into the Shumichun Friendship Store, tied up three employees and escaped with foreign exchange certificates worth \$HK28,100 (£2,600) and cash worth \$HK6,500.

The Hongkong man and four of his accomplices, who are Shumichun residents, received death sentences. The sixth was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

Security officials had demanded severe penalties, claiming that such crimes could seriously affect the development of the special economic zone, which was beginning to unite China and Hongkong.

# Five ex-leaders fear a world economic disaster

From Terence Smith (New York Times), Vail, Colorado

Five former heads of government, all involuntarily retired from office, gathered at this ski resort over the weekend to consider the state of the world and the transient quality of political power.

At one point, Herr Helmut Schmidt, the former West German Chancellor, gestured towards four men seated with him on a deck. "What we have here," he said half in jest, "is a beautiful experience. A conspiracy of former world leaders against present world leaders. But thank God none of us has the power to alter anything any more."

The other former leaders at the mountain home of former President Ford, included M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former president of France, Mr James Callaghan, former British Prime Minister, and Mr Malcolm Fraser, the former Prime Minister of Australia.

They came here at Mr Ford's invitation to take part in three days of discussion with nearly 100 economists, diplomats, political figures and corporate executives. The meeting was sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute, and the Vail Foundation.

Other guests also included Dr Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of State; Mr Arthur Burns, the United States Ambassador to West Germany; Mr Alan Greenspan and Mr Paul McCracken, both economists; the United States Special Trade Representative, Mr William Brock, and several members of Congress.

The leaders sounded warnings that the Reagan Administration's projected budget deficits of nearly \$200 billion (about £133 billion), combined with high interest rates and unemployment, threatened to bring about a world economic disaster unlike anything seen since the 1930s.

# USSR: Iosif Begun

By Caroline Mouchhead

For the third time an internationally respected radio engineer and mathematician, Dr Iosif Begun, is awaiting trial this month in Vladimir prison, Moscow.

Dr Begun, who has been described by Soviet authorities as leading a "school of parasitic life", is charged under Article 70, which deals with the spreading of anti-Soviet propaganda. Given his past two convictions, he risks a term of imprisonment of three to six years and the possibility of a further two to five years' internal exile.

Dr Begun's father and grandfather were both religious Jews. In April, 1971, after having taught himself Hebrew, he requested an exit permit for Israel, which was refused on grounds of alleged possession of "state secrets". Soon afterwards, he was dismissed from his job as senior research assistant at the Moscow Central Research Insti-



# Prisoners of conscience

He then lost two subsequent jobs, as a telephone operator and a night watchman.

From then on, Dr Begun continued to battle for an exit visa, meanwhile becoming involved in the teaching of Hebrew in March, 1977, he was arrested and charged with "parasitism". Three weeks later, he began a hunger strike, being force-fed every three days. The strike lasted over three months. At his trial in June, 1977 he was sentenced to two years' internal exile.

Continuing, after his return to Moscow, his work as a Jewish activist, Dr Begun was rearrested in May, 1978, charged with violating internal passport laws (he had been living in Moscow without a permit) and sentenced to three further years of internal exile. Released in August, 1980 he found work as a fireman, while continuing to resubmit applications for an exit visa. His most recent arrest came in November, 1982 in Leningrad, where he was boarding a train for Moscow.

Dr Begun: Exit permit refused

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SPECTRUM

As Pakistan's corrupt military government stumbles towards the country's first democratic elections for more than a decade, the two future leaders quarrel over their family, their mistresses and their advancing careers. In the second extract from Salman Rushdie's new novel, Shame, Harappa buys himself a political party, wins at the polls and chooses Hyder to repair the damage done by the calamitous war in Bangladesh.



A GREAT MAN TO UNMAKE HIMSELF

Iskander Harappa stands in the foreground, finger pointing towards the future, silhouetted against the dawn. Above his patrician profile the message curls; from right to left the flowing golden shapes. A NEW MAN FOR A NEW CENTURY. The fifteenth century (Hegiran calendar) peeps over the horizon, extending long fingers of radiance into the early sky. The sun rises rapidly in the tropics. And glinting on Isky's finger is a ring of power, echoing the sun... the poster is omnipresent, stamping itself on the walls of mosques, graveyards, whore-houses, staining the mind: Isky the sorcerer, conjuring the sun from the black depths of the sea.

The catastrophe: throughout the war, hourly radio bulletins described the glorious triumphs of the Western regiments in the East. On that last day, at eleven a.m., the radio announced the last and most spectacular of these feats of arms: at noon, it curtly informed its audience of the impossible: unconditional surrender, humiliation, defeat. The traffic stood still in city streets. The nation's lunch remained uncooked. In the villages, the cattle went unfed and the crops unwatered despite the heat.

Chairman Iskander Harappa, on becoming Prime Minister, correctly identified the national reaction to the astounding capitulation as one of just rage, fuelled by shame. What calamity could have befallen an Army so rapidly? What reversal could have been so sudden and so total as to turn victory into disaster in a mere sixty minutes?

'Responsibility for that fatal hour', Iskander pronounced, 'lies, as it must, at the top'. Policemen, also dogs, surrounded the home of ex-President Shaggy within fifteen minutes of this decree. He was taken to jail, to be tried for war crimes; but then the Chairman, reflecting, once again, the mood of a people sickened by defeat and yearning for reconciliation, for an end to analyses of shame, offered Shaggy a pardon in return for his acceptance of house arrest. 'You are our dirty laundry', Iskander told the incompetent old man, 'but, lucky for you, the people don't want to see you beaten clean upon a stone.'

There were cynical people who sneered at this pardon; that is needless to say, since all nations have their nihilists. These elements pointed out that Iskander Harappa had been the principal beneficiary of the civil war that ripped his country in half; they spread rumours of his complicity in the whole sad affair. 'Shaggy Dog', they muttered in their shabby dens, 'was always an ugly fact of life'. The Chairman treated them with contempt.

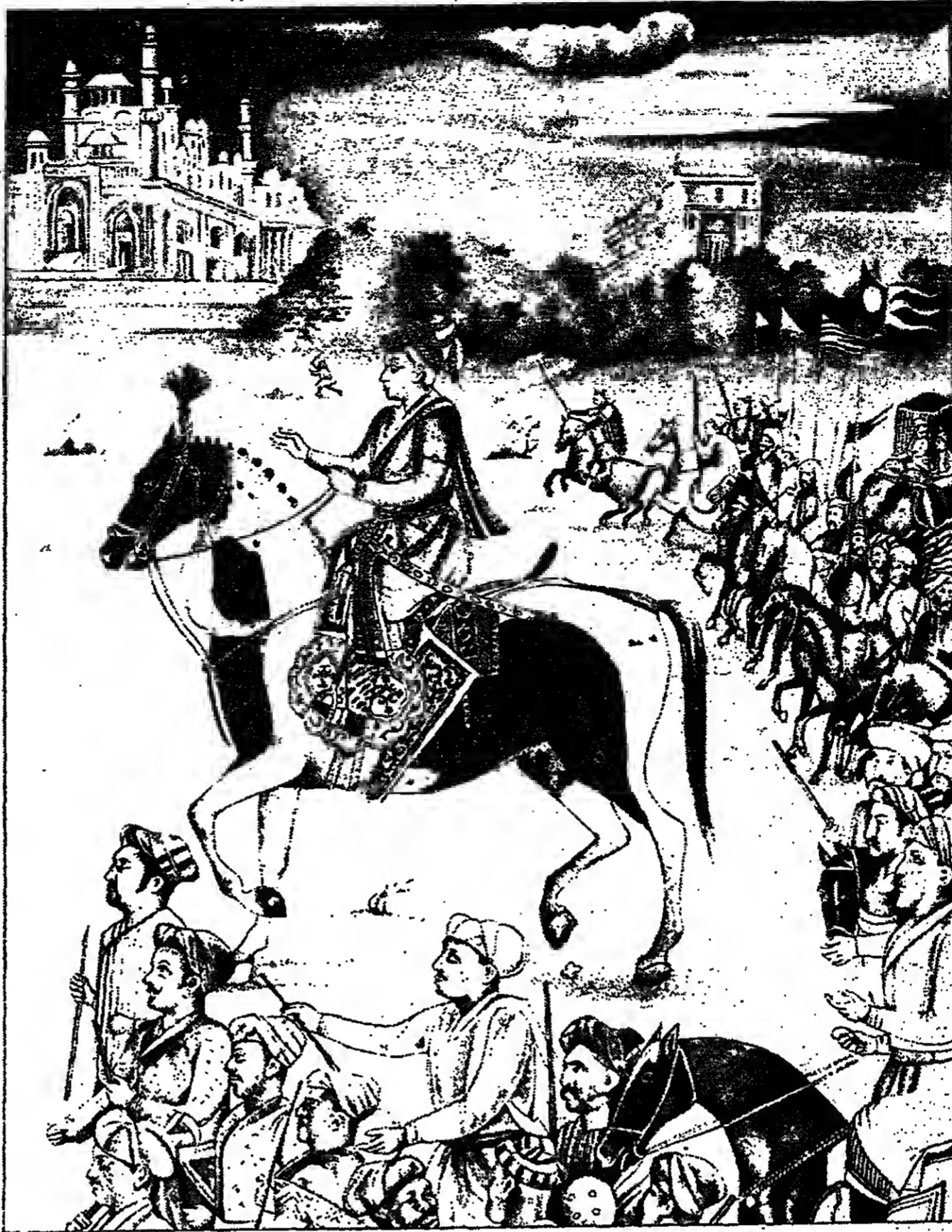
At a rally attended by two million people, Iskander Harappa unbuttoned his shirt. 'What have I to hide?' he shouted. 'They say I have benefited; is this advantage? Is this luck? My people, your hearts are scarred by grief; behold, my heart bears the same wounds as yours.' Iskander Harappa tore off his shirt and ripped it in half; he bared hairless breast to the cheering, weeping crowd. (The young Richard Burton once did the same thing, in the film Alexander the Great. The soldiers loved Alexander because he showed them his battle scars.)

Some men are so great that they can be unmade only by themselves. The defeated Army needed new leadership; Isky packed off the discredited old guard into early retirement, and put Raza Hyder in control. 'He will be my man.'

General Raza Hyder inherited from his predecessor a lustrous seven-foot ADC named Major Shuja, and also an army so unnerved by its defeat in the former East Wing that it could no longer win so much as a football game. Understanding the intimate relationship between sport and war, the new Commander-in-Chief took it upon himself to attend every possible athletic contest involving his boys, hoping to inspire the teams by his presence.

So it was that during the first months of his chieftancy Raza Hyder was present at the most remarkable series of humiliations in the annals of army sport, beginning with the legendary inter-services cricket game in which the Army XI lost all ten first-innings wickets without scoring a single run off the bat. Their Air Force opponents piled up a formidable reply, because the war had largely been an Army disaster, and so the airmen remained, for the most part, unaffected by the disgrace.

The Army cricketers finally lost the game by an innings and 420 runs; it would have been 419 except that one of the Army's second-innings runs was never completed, because the player in question appeared to lose heart in mid-sprint, stopped, scratched his head,



stared about distractedly, and failed even to notice when he was run out... Hyder witnessed, to the hockey match in which the Navy boys scored forty times in eighty minutes while the soldiers stared glumly at their curved sticks as if they were rifles, such as the ones surrendered on the day of reckoning in the East; and at the new National Swimming Baths he saw with his own eyes a double tragedy, one Army diver never surfacing after botching a dive so completely that he preferred to drown rather than emerge from the waters of his shame, while another got himself in an even worse tangle, taking off from the high board and landing on his belly with a noise like a gunshot, bursting open like a paint-ballon and forcing the authorities to drain the pool so that they could tidy away his guts.

After this the mournful figure of Major Shuja presented itself to the General in his office and suggested that perhaps it would be better begging for pardon, sir, if the C-in-C Sahib would stay away from such events, as his presence was intensifying the jawans' shame and making matters worse than ever.

'Son of a gun,' Raza cried, 'how come the entire Army turned into a bunch of blushing women overnight?'

'The war, sir,' replied Shuja, speaking from the well of a desolation so profound that he no longer cared about his career prospects, and, beg for pardon, General, but you weren't involved in that scrap.'

Now Raza understood that his troops were joined in the terrible

solidarity of their shared humiliation, and guessed at last why it was that not one of his fellow officers had ever offered him a fizzy drink in the officers' mess. 'I thought it was jealousy,' he rephrased himself, and said to Shuja, who was waiting glumly at attention for the demolition his insolence deserved: 'O.K., Major; what's your solution?'

The unexpectedness of the question startled Shuja into honesty. 'Permission to speak frankly, sir?' Hyder nodded. 'Man to man. You, me and the gate post.'

'Then, beg for pardon, sir, but a return to Army rule. Takeover, sir.'

Hyder was amazed. 'Do people always talk treason in this town?' The gloom surrounding the ADC thickened further. 'The General Sahib asked, sir, and I only said. Young officers are restless, sir, this Army town, is used to power, and sir, everyone knows what these politicians are like, no good, sir, not suitable, the officers remember when they had respect, but now they feel so depressed, sir, seems like anyone can kick the Army around these days. Beg for pardon, sir.'

'The devil with your coup,' Hyder told him fiercely, 'the way things are right now half a dozen of Isky Harappa's ex-mistresses could take the whole Army apart.'

'Yes, sir,' Shuja said, and burst astoundingly, into tears. General Hyder reminded himself that the young giant wasn't much over eighteen; and then his ducts began to smart

in sympathy, so he said quickly, 'For God's sake, man. Nobody's going to court-martial you. Just get your priorities right. Let's win a few polo matches before thinking of taking over the country.'

'Very good, sir,' Shuja contrived himself, 'I shall convey the General's view to the polo squad, sir.'

'What a life,' Raza Hyder said aloud when he was alone. 'The higher you climb, the thicker the blasted mud. It was lucky for the country, he mused, that Old Razor Guts was accustomed to standing on his own two feet.'

The restoration of the Army's morale, it would be fair to say, was the crowning glory of Raza Hyder's career - it was a tougher job, in his opinion, than anything he undertook when President. How did he do it? He lost wrestling matches.

The morning after his conversation with Major Shuja he instructed the ADC to select opponents for him, mostly from the common soldiers, but also from a cross-section of the officers.

General Raza Hyder fought with one hundred and eleven soldiers and was thrashed by them all. He made no attempt to win, concentrating, instead, on the far more difficult business of losing against opponents who had forgotten that it was possible to win; of losing, moreover, while giving the impression of struggling for victory with all his might.

The wrestling strategy of Raza Hyder gained him a double victory, it helped the Army to accept his leadership, because now he was united with his men in that macabre fellowship of shame. As Old Razor Guts was dropped-kicked in the jaw, dumped on canvas with his ankles knotted round his neck, throttled by an infantryman's arm; as his ribs snapped and his arms left their sockets, the old popularity of the hero of Aansu was reborn; cleansed of the dust and anonymity of his Staff College years, it shone once again, like new.

Yes, Razor Guts was back, bigger than ever... but Raza had been after more than that, and his second purpose was also achieved, because as the soldiers in camp after camp participated in, or witnessed from roaring ringsides, the pulverization of the one genuine war hero left in the Army, they began to regain faith in themselves, they began to believe that if they were good enough to dump the General in the dirt they couldn't be such pathetic fighting men as they had come to imagine. After one year of wrestling Raza Hyder called a halt. He had lost both upper central incisors and sustained countless other injuries. 'I don't have to take this any more,' he told Shuja, whose air of permanent dejection (although somewhat reduced) now stood revealed as a personality flaw and not simply the product of the lost, and now almost forgotten, war.

'Tell those bastards,' Raza instructed him, 'that I expect all personnel to win every competition they enter from now on, or else.' There followed an electrifying improvement in Army sporting results.

moreover... Miles Kingston

Just dying to be noticed

Edinburgh. The Fringe at the Edinburgh Festival is the most frightening mixture of naked capitalism and artistic Bohemianism. The artistic licence is easier to understand; every group has put on the show it wants to present, whether it's knockabout hospital-student farce or deepest tragedy, with no concession to anyone. The capitalist element lies in the fact that each group is financially as much on its own as any new company looking its way through the jungle of the City of London. No group is asked to appear on the Fringe. They have all chosen to be here. They desperately want artistic acclaim; they desperately need financial success.

So the furrowed brow on the director's face may mean either a small audience last night or the lack of next week's rent. The fact that make-or-break time is crushed into the three short weeks of the Festival makes the Fringe deeper. They have worked hard to get here. (Some people work harder at the Fringe than at any other time in their lives; go into any Fringe venue during the day and you are almost certain to find one or two bodies flat out, getting their sleep for a couple of days.) And there is as much hope and fear packed into these three weeks as in a whole Broadway season or ten years in the West End.

I bumped into a man yesterday who is putting on a show called Iron Age at the Abbey Laird Hall. 'It's set in Celtic Britain about 3,000 years ago and although the tribal events are ostensibly about those times, it's really about Britain today, and - well, I can't really describe it, but we know it's very good. I know it's very good. What we need desperately now is a review...'

I don't know whether the show is good or not. But I recognize that almost frightening hunger for a review. A review! The magic recipe for success. The difference between life and death. The appearance of The Scotsman each night, with a full page of Fringe notices, is coveted as eagerly as the Israelites might have coveted Moses' descent with the Ten Commandments, if they'd known what an effect on their lives it would have.

Another man I bumped into (a lot of bumping into takes place here) was with a Cambridge review last year, which got a very good review at the end of the run. He's with a different show this year, but the same review company is getting good notices this year on the basis of his review. He says that what infuriates him is that it is a rotten review this year. His pain seems laid to bear, I knew the feeling. The first year Instant Sunshine was here, the Times was called to see us on the last night. He said he enjoyed it very much. However, he wouldn't be writing a notice, as he'd only come for an enjoyable night off... the pain of that missing review still lingers.

I bumped into Mike Moran the other day - see Scots full stage, with his own show in a George Square basement. Just before opening night, he told me, the electrical safety man had come to inspect the wiring. Roaming around in cupboards and basement stairs for a missing fuse box, they had both managed to fall over and, near knock themselves out.

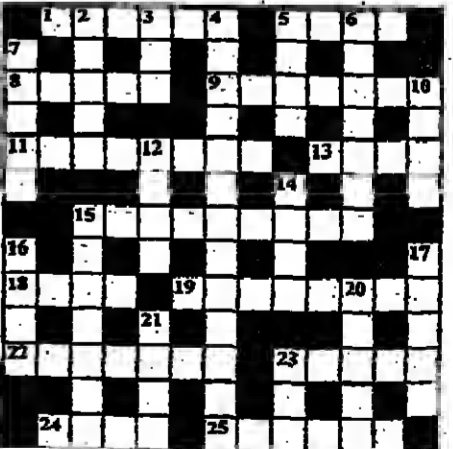
'I've never carried a safety officer to his car before,' says Moran, 'and given him a cup of coffee before he felt well enough to drive off. Still, the whole incident gave me a new opening quarter on how to do the show and the description of it went like a bomb. I was so excited that I took the rest of the show a bit too fast, and only learnt afterwards that the man from The Scotsman had been in the audience.'

The Scotsman! The review! It's worse than waiting for A-level results. Much worse, in the case of the company (nameless) of whom The Scotsman said the other day: 'This is a group with a dedicated following on the Fringe. It has to be said that it's hard to see why.' Still, I suppose they can always cut out the first sentence and pin it up, once the pain has worn off.

I bumped into Harvey of the Wallbangers. They had a very good review last year, and are spending their whole time looking for the same Scotsman reviewer. He has gone to ground and not even The Scotsman knows where he is. A review - that's all they want.

What works as well as a review, though, is word of mouth, and here anyone is reading this in Edinburgh, by word of mouth is that the best shows include the Omelette Broadcasting Co, Footsie 2, Nola Rae, The Bodgers, Jack Klaff, Ha Bloody Ha, and the Midland Revue Co. Meanwhile, keep taking The Scotsman.

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# FASHION

An ambitious fashion project designed to provide a showcase and selling base for some of Britain's best young designers, opens in Kensington on September 1.

The work of more than 50 carefully selected, new designers will go on sale at Hyper Hyper, a complex of individually rented shop units for new designers to do their own trading. There is space for fashion shows and there will be displays of selected work from art colleges.

Hyper Hyper was conceived and set up by Lauren Gordon, who runs Antiquarius and a number of other fashion organisations, and Mike Bridge, who formerly ran Mainseason and Midseason. Lauren explains: "There is a huge amount of talent coming out of art colleges in Britain but it is often immensely hard for a new designer to get a break. At present, with money tight, boutiques which might once have gambled on designs by new names tend to stick to people they know."

"If we are going to recognize the talent in the country we must draw it together so that it can be seen. The virtue from the designers' point of view is that they rent a unit with all overheads included so they know exactly where they stand. Mike and I will ensure that everything is run professionally - very often new designers just do not have the experience to run a business on highly professional lines. Although the designers are part of an umbrella organization, they have their own shopfronts and their own names listed."

The designers selling at Hyper Hyper include: Lec Tan, Barbara de Vries, the Camden Set, Dexter Wong, Ellis Flynt who designed the costumes for Dark Crystal, and Caroline Favis who has been selling to Parker's.

Lauren explains: "We selected people very carefully to represent a cross-section of the kind of ideas and creativity around and to demonstrate the high quality of young British design. We tend to have people who have been working for a little while because we want to be certain designers have got their production worked out."

Lec Tan, who left the London College of Fashion two years ago and has been selling in Whistles since, explains why he is taking a unit at Hyper Hyper: "For Whistles I do a collection designed for their kind of customer. I want to do other things and establish my name. I believe that within an organization which will attract attention I will be noticed and create exactly the kind of clothes I want for different kinds of people."

This is not the first project set up to focus on and provide an outlet for our young designers. Two years ago Steve Hudson set up New Masters, a shop on the King's Road, where he sells the work of designers he and his wife judge particularly good. More recently Caroline Coates set up the Amalgamated Talent group of young designers, staging twice yearly shows for buyers and press.

The Hackney Fashion Centre, set up to stimulate the fashion industry in a variety of ways, puts on exhibitions of work by design students leaving college and they are now developing courses in setting up a business for young designers.

The value of all these projects is that they will help to establish an identity for young designers in one place, whereas they have tended to be scattered around in small workshops and studios, hard to find and even harder to view as a corporate group with a contribution to fashion.

Another of the problems which has dogged young designers emerging from college is the emphasis on the way they produce gimmicks and curiosities rather than clothes with a wide application. Certainly this is a way they have been much presented in the fashion press and the image has surely made it harder for them to get jobs in an industry where idiosyncrasy is mistrusted. It has been galling to watch some of our most talented youngsters being snatched up by foreign companies which do appreciate the individualism they have learnt in our colleges.

Central to the success the young designer projects have is the attention they get from the fashion press. Fashion journalists are primary purveyors of conventional wisdom on what is happening; stimulate new interests and demands and give the seal of approval to certain styles.

The point made by Lauren Gordon is the Hyper Hyper should provide a centre where the best of young design exists and that this should help to make the press value it as a definite part of the fashion business.

So the fashion press plays a vital part in helping young designers to succeed, and at this point it seems relevant to ask how those who write on fashion are equipped for the responsible job of communicating the subject.

There are very few courses for aspirant fashion journalists. While the importance of a highly specialized, creative and knowledgeable and a good deal of money is put into teaching them, no such value is apparently placed on the skill with which the fashion press performs. Many people now doing the job have come from general journalism; others have come from public relations or different parts of the fashion industry, but virtually none of the journalistic skills to do the job thoroughly. Many are good at what they do, but it is clear that others are handicapped by their lack of training.

So as a lecturer in journalism on one of the very few fashion communication courses which exist, at the London College of Fashion, the challenge to us has been to try and devise a curriculum which blends the knowledge of fashion with the journalistic skills necessary.

The course, which has been of one year's duration and is now to extend to two years under the new DATEC scheme, is an option slotted into a detailed fashion course covering design, fashion appreciation, the sociology of fashion, how the industry works, beauty therapy and cosmetics, as well as other general subjects.

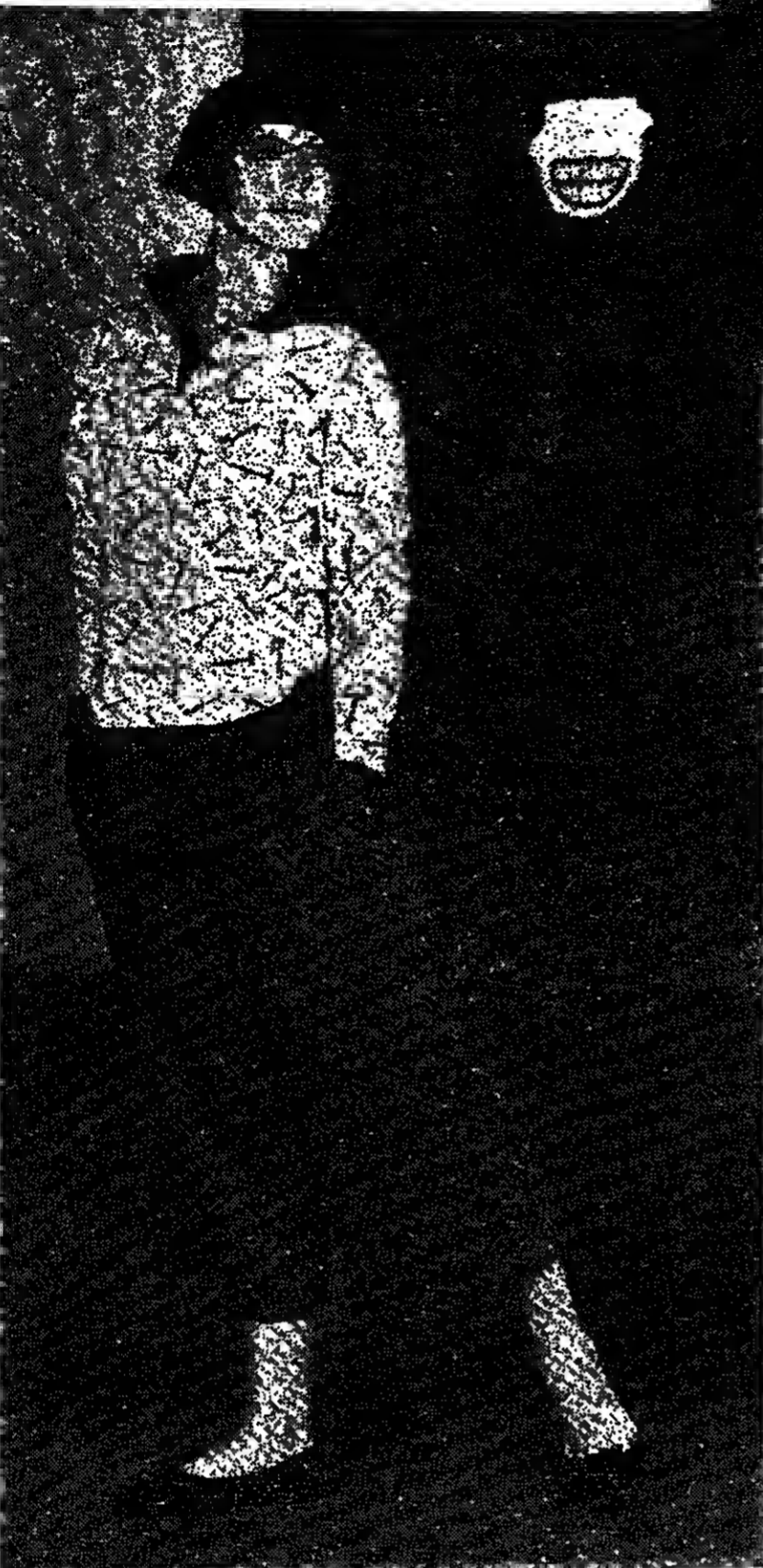
Michael Talboys, head of design at LCF, who will oversee the DATEC fashion writers' course, sees his job as developing a critical eye for fashion and encouraging students to question whether writers in the press are giving a comprehensive and accurate picture of contemporary design and ideas. He explains: "Students tend to take what they see in the press as gospel and to assume they should copy. But in my view a lot of fashion writers get stuck on their favourite designers and do not represent the industry properly."

"This can make it very difficult for new designers to break into the charmed circle, and it means fashion is presented in a limited way."

The journalism teaching is woven into the curriculum and the question loomed, when I first began teaching, how best to organize a syllabus which would provide a basic grounding in writing, researching, interviewing and investigative reporting, which I believe is essential for any area of journalism, and at the same time satisfy

As a new term for design students gets under way, last year's trainees are taking their first steps in the commercial world. Guest writer Angela Neustatter looks at the prospects in store for them

## Having designs on the future



the varied aspirations of the students. Dreams ranged from a prestige job on a glossy magazine, to fashion trade papers, local and national newspapers and women's magazines, with a couple of pairs of eyes set on subculture publications.

There are, on each course, some 30 hopefuls who come with plenty of enthusiasm and, generally, very little realism about what the process of becoming a fashion journalist entails. They ask, somewhat balefully, how soon they will be styling photographs and attending press shows.

Instead they are expected to read a selection of newspapers and magazines critically and carefully to examine how the news in general as well as fashion material is covered. This way they develop a knowledge of how to put together a range of subjects which can be useful if they are expected to cover an industrial fashion story which may require solid research and writing rather than fashion adjectives.

They then spend a chunk of the first term learning to write short, sharp news stories as an exercise in presenting material concisely and compellingly before they get their marching orders and go out to cover a fashion show, exhibition or designer collection.

During the year they go to Paris to cover the *prêt à porter* collections; they go out on work experience and they produce a magazine. They also do in depth interviews, research projects and they are expected to initiate their own ideas for articles. The idea is to stimulate them into looking at the way fashion is tackled and to see how they read and to spot overblown writing and coverage which provides very little information. They are expected to develop the confidence to contribute something original when they get work.

It is difficult within the closed environment of a college to gauge how acceptable students will be when they venture into the outside world, but it has been cheering to find a good many ending up in enviable jobs. For all that they are critical of the course and rightly so, while generally acknowledging that it has been valuable.

Harriet Jagger, working as assistant to Sally Brampton on *The Observer* and writing a freelance column for *Blitz* magazine, says: "The course trained me into being sure of what I wanted to do, going to shows and exhibitions and having to write them up was a valuable fact that the job is really about."

"But there should have been hours devoted to journalism skills and fashion appreciation, with fewer other subjects thrown in. I feel I could have come away a great deal more accomplished than I was and I did have to struggle when I started this job. But when I applied for the job that I had done the course, that I had some idea what fashion journalism is about, was a help."

Jane Easton, now working on *Ms London* and doing some freelance fashion writing and styling, says: "Being in a college where fashion is being studied by designers and people who will go into industry, created an atmosphere where you



Above: BODY MAP'S cream and black for autumn, designed by Stevia Stewart and David Hoah. Hand-knitted cropped cotton top £55, tube skirt £59 from Joseph, 6 Soane Street, SW1; Browns, 25 South Molton Street, W1; Jones, 71 King's Road, SW3; Plain Clothes, Nottingham; Please Yourself, Birmingham; Corniche, Edinburgh; Mirror Mirror, Dublin; Birkenstocks health sandals £27.95 from Natural Shoe Store, 21 Neal Street, WC2; 325 King's Road, SW3; 22 North End Road, W14. Backdrop by Brian Bolger of The Cloth.

Left: LA PALETTE'S workwear, designed by Corina Drewery and Jill Tattersall. Cream cotton jersey spencer print top £32, cropped bar-print trousers £40, also black, grey, brown from Joanna's Tent, 289 King's Road, SW3; La Brun, Bournemouth; Street Clothes, Leeds; Lucinda Byre, Liverpool; Shirt, £16.99, Warehouse branches; Pumps, £12.99, Sacha branches. Backdrop by David Band of The Cloth.

Right: LEK'S unstructured forms, designed by Lec Tan. Midnight blue jacket approx £40, slim skirt £48.50, sizes 8-14, from Whistles, 14 Beauchamp Place, SW3 (p & p 2); 1 Thayer Street, W1 and branches. Bow beret and backcloth by Helen Manning of The Cloth. Beret lights £7.50 from Liberty. Leather and stamped suede courts £39. Rider, 116 Long Acre, WC2 and branches. Palette mirror £14.50 from a selection at Practical Styling, 16-18 St Giles High Street, nr Centre Point, W1.



Left: ZWEI's asymmetric cuts, designed by Fiona Desley and Gola Meller Marcovitz. Tubular wool skirt £70 in cream, red, black, mustard, grey from Whistles branches; Hoxby, Kensington Church Street, W8; The Vestry, South Molton Street, W1; Pygmalion, Neath, Wales; Roupacha, Edinburgh. Stashneck top £50 from Romy and Splash, Dorset Street, W1. Chain bracelet from Detail, 49 Endell Street, WC2.

Shadow stripe tights by Charnos. Belt from Issue at Rider.

Above: ADITTI's graffiti-style prints, designed by Anne Smith. Wool and canvas dress with "ancient" Syrian print, £45, natural, grey, purple, black from New Masters, 336 King's Road, SW3 and New Masters at Hyper Hyper, 28-40 Kensington High Street, W8; Chatters, South Molton Street, W1; Cassiope, Windsor; Other Clothes.

Leeds; Hudson & Hudson, Cardiff.

Roman leather sandals £12.99, Sacha branches. Crackle-finish table £79, Practical Styling, 16-18 St Giles High Street, W1.

Styling by Chrissie Painell. Hair by Joel O'Sullivan at Burlingtona, 1 Blandford Street, W1. Photographs by RUSSELL V. WALKIN.

Forming a design team has become a popular way to get a foot on the first rung of the commercial ladder. Ex-students wanting to set up on their own can spread the costs of workshops and exhibition stands, and give each other moral support.

The Cloth is a group of four textile printers who left the Royal College of Art this summer and are finding work in a variety of outlets. The record cover of Spandau Ballet's recent album *True*, above, features one of David Band's figurative designs, and he has worked on fashion fabrics for Jeff Banks.

Fraser Taylor did the cover for next month's *Design* magazine and Chatters have just commissioned him to do some T-shirt designs. Brian Bolger is illustrating for magazines and planning a trip to show their work to design studios in Paris.

Practical Styling displayed their high-tech furniture against The Cloth's backdrops recently and Terence Cunniff is interested in using their designs for "soft" office furnishings and in exhibiting Helen Manning's paintings. She is the most fashion-orientated (and the only girl) of the group and currently has a selection of screen-printed clothes in Denmark, Beak Street. The Cloth, 27-29 Union Street, Southwark, SE1. Telephone: 01-923 5794.

Christine Painell



absorbed the subject. It also meant that the journalism being learnt in theory could be applied to covering college fashion shows." Alison Hayward who works for Angela Kennedy on *Good Housekeeping* believes she would not have coped with her job without the training and she says: "I came straight from school to college. I don't think I could have contributed at all without the course. But I believe the course needs to be more concentrated with writing practice and learning how to set up photo sessions and put pages together." From the other side Sally Adams, editor

### Where to go in London to buy ex-student designs


**New Masters**, 336 King's Road, SW3. Designed as a street-level fashion gallery.  
**Hyper Hyper**, 26-40 Kensington High Street, W8. Opens September.  
**Academy**, 188a King's Road, SW3. Currently stocking the Enon Hayward collection. New designer featured every three months, also choose the shop's interior image.  
**Review**, 87 King's Road, SW3. Stock Sue Clowes, Jenny Bernard, Empire Shirts, Michelle Clapton.  
**Demon**, 47 Beak Street, W1. Well-known for Richard Ostell and Elaine Oxford. Opening a menswear shop opposite in Upper James Street in early September.  
**South Molton Street, W1**. Anne Smith for New Masters and own label collection.

**Issue at Rider**, 116 Long Acre, WC2. The avant-garde shoe shop stocks designs by Chris Teckam, John Bellwood, Russell Fish and others in specially-designed basement in Covent Garden.  
**Alternative Clothes Show**, Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, SW3. A quarterly sale of clothes to the public, including designs by Vivienne Westwood, Sue Clowes and Darajana Giroy. Autumn sale: October 6-8.  
**Kensington Market**, 49/53 Kensington High Street, W8.  
New Masters sells young designers' work to shops around the country: Extremes, Brighton; Square, Bath; Katze, Bristol; Cassiope, Windsor; Hudson & Hudson, Cardiff; The End, Hull; Street Level, Burton on Trent; Cruise, Edinburgh and Newcastle; Other Clothes, Leeds; X Clothes, Manchester, Sheffield and Leeds.

Suzy Menkes will resume her fashion column next week

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THE ARTS

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Warhol's triple portrait of Baron Philippe de Rothschild; and a fragment from Manet's ambitious Execution of Maximilian

Galleries: John Russell Taylor visits new shows in Edinburgh and London

The Scottish connexion flung far and wide

If Vienna 1900 is the central thread of the Edinburgh Festival this year, Scotland is not much less prominently displayed. It has not always been so: sometimes the main complaint of locals and visitors alike has been that the international definition of the festival seemed to take in just about every country in the world except Scotland. But nowadays the Scottish connexion is on occasion almost frantically insisted upon. With Vienna 1900 it is quite legitimately there: after all, it was in Vienna, in 1900, that Mackintosh and his followers first made their major international mark. But one may doubt whether there is much real relevance to the Scottish art scene in the work of Paul-Emile Borduas, at the Talbot Rice Art Centre until September 10, even though it is dutifully insisted on in the notes on the exhibition and he did once paint something mysteriously entitled The Scottish Rediscovers America.

Scottish links or no, Borduas is a very interesting painter and one of our closer acquaintances (unlike Jack Bush, the last Canadian abstractionist to whom Edinburgh paid tribute). This show begins with one of his first non-figurative works, dating from 1942, and follows his evolution from a kind of "surrealist" abstraction he called "automatisme" to something very close to New York Abstract Expressionism, while he was actually in New York (1951-1955), and then to a very French sort of Tachisme, working in great sensuous patches of almost monochrome paint, while he was in Paris for the last five years of his life. One may, of course, sense here something of the Canadian dilemma, that of trying to retain individuality and consistency while living on the cultural fringes of the United States and of France. (Borduas was a French Canadian, and even though he is not a Scot, he is a Scot by the way of his name.)

Also at the City Art Centre is the Handtwater show we recently suffered in London, including (unless it has been eliminated on the way north) his rejected design for a Monton Rothschild wine label. To see what they accepted, from whom, and what they walk a block or so to the Royal Scottish Academy, where the grand central hall is occupied until September 10 by a collection of box frames each of which contains the label, the original painting (when available), alternative designs, if any, and documentation for a particular year. The main succession is from 1945 to 1981, and the works are unashamedly minor, chips from the artist's workbench. But there is considerable interest in seeing how artists as disparate as Braque and Warhol, Dalí and Moore, Chagall and Sonja, responded to this unlikely commission.

Manet at Work National Gallery Britain could hardly hope to mark the centenary of Manet's death with anything half so spectacular as the definitive Grand Palais show in Paris. But the occasion could hardly go unnoted, and the National Gallery has stepped into the breach with a small but very revealing show, entitled Manet at Work (until October 9).

Some details are very revealing. For example, they show one of Manet's most Monet-influenced and evidently Impressionist paintings, The Banks of the Seine at Argenteuil (1874), painted virtually side-by-side with Monet and probably using Monet's wife and son as models for the figures in the foreground. But along with it is Cardiff's Boats at Argenteuil, clearly of the same scene at the same time, minus figures, and painted in a much more typically Manet-like style. In all other respects it looks like the sketch, so one cannot help wondering whether this is what Manet naturally painted very rapidly, on the spot, and the more elaborate piece was deliberately worked up later in the approved plein-air style of little broken strokes of colour, as against the sketch's altogether drabber colouring and flatter application of paint. Do the two pictures show that already Manet realized that one convention was much like another, and none was to be taken dogmatically as the only possible artistic truth?

Television Atoning evasively

You could not wish for a neater illustration of the genial humbug which pervades much of Private Eye than the surely not accidental coincidence this week of a childish lampoon of Motives (BBC2) and the comfortable appearance of the selfsame programme of the editor of Private Eye. Despite his opening declaration that he was perfectly happy to talk about himself Richard Ingrams gave away as little as he possibly could; the interest of the programme was largely due to relentless and intelligent pressure from Anthony Clare. If it has often seemed unfair that Ingrams should alone enjoy the privilege of publicly roasting his comies month after month, year after year, his voluntary submission to this no-holds-barred interrogation was a statement enough. Clare got absolutely nowhere with his preliminary questions about Ingrams's socially secure and religious background: no mystery about the origins of those famous moral prejudices. Did his background make it hard for him to understand people who had had tougher lives? But in the end he had met all sorts said Ingrams thus turning the psychological question into a more manageable social one. Did he agonize much over causing pain? Second evasion: Ingrams professed surprise at how seldom people read (as though unaware that most of his victims dare not do so). Was not Private Eye extremely powerful? Third evasion: not really, papers cannot bring down governments. Clare said Clare, why are you reluctant to admit your own evisceration? Ingrams's answer was that he was an unnatural, destructive, egotistical thing, and that the homosexuals he knew led very unhappy lives. He omitted to specify whether they had had the misfortune to have grown up under the shadow of an earlier law which automatically branded them as criminal outcasts. Questions about a family tragedy were rightly deflected. Asked what drove him on, Ingrams admitted to being "rather bottled up" about things, a cautious man. The editor of Britain's funniest and most abusive magazine leads his private life. That sounded about right; wary, increasingly wary, lest middle age draw him into the ranks of his own targets.

Michael Church

Anthony Masters on the state of the National Youth Theatre Plays themselves must win recognition

With the end of the school holidays in sight, the National Youth Theatre's annual London showing is under way as usual. There are five plays this year, at the Shaw and the Jennett Cochrane: Hamlet, The Royal Hunt of the Sun and three new works written respectively around the Invergoron mutiny, the Broomfield and the poetry of Keith Douglas.

Michael Croft, the NYT's director, recognizes as much. Ever since he founded the company in 1956, its history has been a succession of financial crises and hair's-breadth escapes. The never-ending fight for funds took a more encouraging turn last year, when Texas produced £65,000 (repeated this year) and sponsored a playwriting competition won under a pseudonym by Christopher Short, a former NYT member, with his play about Invergoron, For Those in Peril. With the £30,000 annual grant from the Department of Education and Science which still survives from the sympathetic regime of the late David Eccles, the financial headaches of the NYT's amateur side are much reduced, even though the rent and maintenance of the new premises, when found, will be a new burden.

But the withdrawal of the other grants killed the programme of professional productions, many with former NYT players, that had filled up the remainder of the Shaw's calendar. In 1980 the Arts Council grant, begun in 1968 after a prolonged struggle, was axed and in 1982 the new Labour administration in the GLC followed suit after abortive discussions exploring such possibilities as collaboration with a revived Unity Theatre. The Arts Council grant has been a notorious issue, generating so much bitterness on both sides that each annual decision to give or to withhold trails an increasing weight behind it. Croft, a wide, genial, bear-like man, has a flow of words that proceeds placidly until his account of events enters this area and his unconscious change in vocal timbre tells its own tale. His sense of grievance, which can hardly make him a welcome visitor at 105 Piccadilly, has crystallized in suspicion of personal enmities.



Charlotte, Emily and Anne: Deborah Shipley (right), Jane Snowden (centre), Sarah Davy

In his vigorous book on the NYT published in 1969 Simon Masters (no relation) wrote: "It has been said that the English are swift to praise a new venture, but less ready to continue their praise if that venture seems to be in danger of becoming a fixture." Certainly the NYT has suffered from that, but it is also true that some of the excitement has departed since the days of Zigzagger and all those glowingly reviewed Shakespeares in the West End. A few new Derek Jacobs and Helen Mirrens in the company might help, but how

that the NYT has become part of the theatrical scene it needs constantly to find new directions and new surprises. Its work for the generation it serves is as important as ever, thought what was exciting pioneer work in the early years is now easy to take for granted. The Tetrapo playwriting award should have hit the headlines more than it did, but in the long run it is the shows themselves which must set the Thames on fire and compel Arts Council recognition at a time when it is not only Richard III who is not in the giving vein.

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Edinburgh Festival Fringe Sparkle, generosity, cunning

Poor Fringe. Almost before it had started this year it ran into a critical barrage with allegations that its size made it "unreviewable" and a general fear that, with nearly 500 groups competing for audiences, the audience gets spread too thinly. I fear that good work can simply be submerged, but if the mediocre shows nominated for awards are any criterion, reputations are acquired either by accident or *faute de mieux*. That, in the long run, is not good either. Otherwise all is much as usual, particularly the chaos. One company misadvised its performance date, another lost my booking on a sold-out house and what used to be the opera house (site) has the sweet smell of success: a racy, sophisticated late-night solo musical about the courtesan Cora Pearl, who charged 100,000 francs a month in her prime and went through Napoleon III's court like a dose of salts. Alluringly sung by Miss Gillespie in her very best form, Allanar Callaghan's sensuous cabaret songs are so good that each intro fills you with pleasurable anticipation. And the script by Julian Slaggett allows her a

kaleidoscopic display of the sparkle, generosity and cunning that took a convent girl through a fortune to destitution and blackmail. Having doubtless shed a few cat's paws and one silly "darkie" as a parody on the way, it should hit television or the London stage like a bomb. Apart from *Quitters*, an unbelievably winsome musical from Denver about prairie women sewing away in the late old West that got itself a F. affected by *Oklahoma*, it seems to be end-of-the-affair time. John Kendrick's *Third Class Carriage* (another Fringe First) and Jack Klaff's *Cuddles* were of an off-Broadway well-made play and a meticulous observation with heavy political overlay. *Carrage* confronts a Connecticut cancer specialist with his flame of 16 years ago whom he must pronounce terminally ill. Since that brief blissful affair he has known prosperity but not ecstasy; she remains an underpaid, barely fulfilled musician. I found it all honourable but unsurprising - but judging is hard in view of Susan Neale's performance, appealingly affected by an American character-actress style, forever jerking her wrists and shoulders up at odd angles and vocally doing much the same thing to her lines. How could a compendium of coy smirks, appalling Garbo imitations and

growing-out perm ever be anyone's passion and inspiration? Even Bob Pettie's warm and beautifully subtle performance suffers by contrast; so does the staid ending, which could have been touching. *Cuddles* is a virtuoso piece in which Jack Klaff, whose performance in *The Matchmaker* and Martin Sherman's *Messiah*, I remember gratefully, plays two lovers simultaneously (the embraces are delightful; back to the audience, one caressing hand over the shoulder) as well as roomfuls of academic ghouls bombarding each of them with sexual plays and knowing advice. His picture of a tormented relationship and the anatomy of a row is brilliantly accurate but so detailed that it becomes as wearisome to watch as to live through. And the periodic cut-front lectures on sexual politics, monetarism, Reagan's South American policy and whatever else are not improved by sophomoric word-play. With *My Dearest Kate*, Ellie Dickens's solo show at the Roxburgh Hotel, history finally produces the saddest case of all: Mrs Charles Dickens, deserted by the novelist for a teenage actress after 22 happy years, victim of his public declarations that she and the marriage have miserably failed. The acting is straight and truthful, and the repartee overdone.

Anthony Masters

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Main stock market table with columns for Stock, Price, Change, Gross Div, Div Yield, P/E, Capitalization, Company, and various financial metrics. Includes sections for DOLLAR STOCKS, BANKS AND DISCOUNTS, BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES, and COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BP looks set for annual profit of £900m

British Petroleum is the giant heading this week's list of companies reporting. Brokers' estimates of second-quarter results vary considerably in spite of the already reported first-quarter results as a good indicator.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Conflicting signs on recovery

Is the recovery faltering and likely to peter out by next year? This is the question raised by the latest economic indicators and given added pertinence by the gloomy forecasts from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research.

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Unlisted Securities Market review

Hawley plans merchandising deals with Miss World

Mr Michael Ashcroft, chairman of Hawley Group has grabbed most of the recent headlines on the USM market. Last week, three companies in which he has an interest reported results. Then to include the week he announced that he has joined the board of the Miss World Group, where he holds a 22 per cent stake.

Elsewhere, Immediate Business Systems, the computer group which makes direct billing computers for the gas, electricity and water industries, reported losses of £1.59m, against a forecast loss of £1.65m in the year to March 31.

Unlisted Securities

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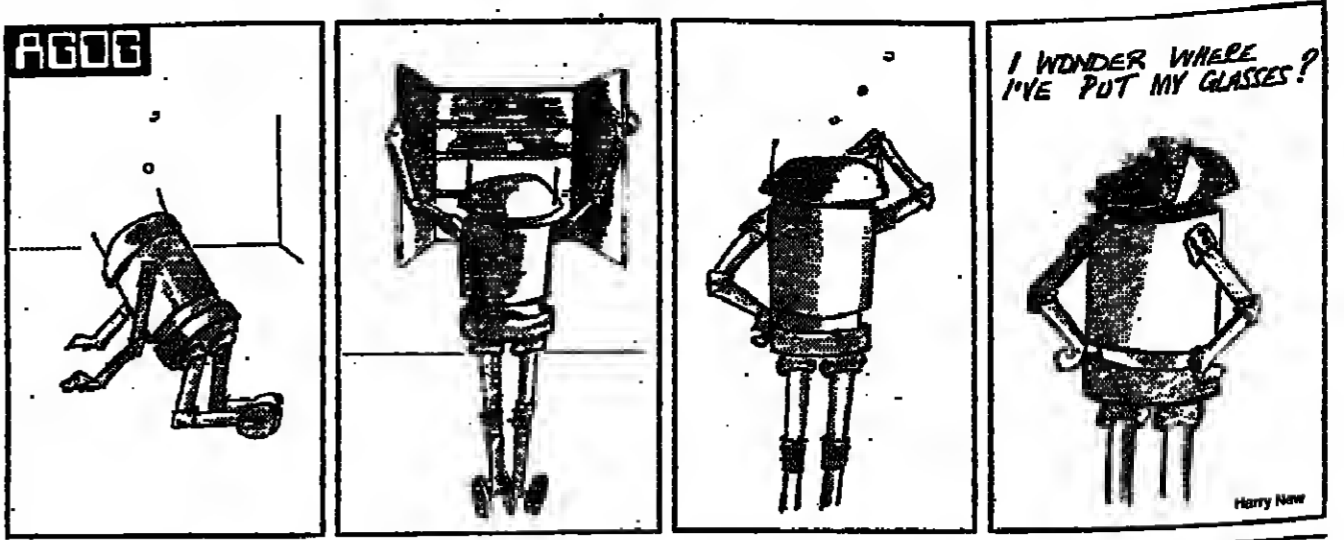
WALL STREET

Table listing various stocks and their prices, including AMF Inc, Allied Chem, Alcoa, etc.

American notebook

Policy switch that slowed growth

The financial markets and the mass of American economists have failed to observe a most important change in money growth: there has been precious little of it since the first week of June.



Electronic cameras: the photo firms fight back

On the day that Sony announced the Mavica, a look-alike electronic camera, the shares of the Japanese photographic giants plummeted on the Tokyo stock exchange.

JOB SCENE

Getting the words right

Since the start of the computer industry in the late 1940s experienced programmers have faced the problem of what to do if they don't want to go into management.

Computer Appointments

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Eurobonds prices

Table showing Eurobond prices for various countries and maturities, including Germany, France, Italy, etc.

Base Lending Rates

Table listing base lending rates for various banks: ABN Bank, Barclays, BCCI, Citibank Savings, etc.

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# The Times Computer Competition

See next week's Computer Horizons for details of the first of 12 weekly Times computer competitions for readers up to 18 years old

## No breakdowns — it's British

THE WEEK Roger Woolnough

With more than £250,000 of additional finance which it has just received, a small British company is stepping up its plans to become a leading supplier of distributed industrial microcomputer systems. Already the company, Beale Electronic Systems Ltd (BES), has an impressive list of clients for which it has undertaken work in instrumentation and engineering software.

But what sets BES apart from similar industrial consultancies is its development of a high-integrity local network. At a conservative estimate, says 28-year-old managing director Nicholas Beale, the market for systems connected by networks of this type will exceed £250m a year by 1986.

Earlier this year, BES signed a deal with Scicon International, the computer activity of British Petroleum, to collaborate on the development and eventual marketing of the Beale network, which is called HILAN. This system no doubt also helped to persuade the new investors, who include Thames Valley Ventures, owned by the British Railways Pension Funds, and investors in industry, owned by the Bank of England and the clearing banks.

Local area networks (LANs) are one of the most active areas of development in computing. Dozens of companies have launched proprietary cable systems which can be used to link together such equipment as microcomputers and word processors, so that they can communicate with each other. But most of these LANs — including the widely supported Ethernet from Xerox Corporation — were designed for use in office environments can cause problems.

In industry, cables are far more likely to suffer breakages, and the consequent

"downtime" may be more serious than it would be in the office. Even if cables remain intact, electrical noise from industrial machinery can interfere with the data sent over a normal system.

High-integrity systems are designed to overcome problems like these. Beale's HILAN is based on fibre optics. Instead of electrical signals being sent along copper wires, coded pulses of light travel down hair-thin strands of glass. Optical fibre communication is not susceptible to electrical interference, and offers several other advantages.

"One of the most obvious differences compared with most local area networks is that HILAN is inherently self-healing," says Nick Beale. This means that the system will keep working, even if there is a break in the cable or a failure at either end.

HILAN also operates at high speed. According to the specification, this is 10 megabits per second (a megabit is one million bits of information), but Beale says that technically the speed limitation goes up to hundreds of megabits a second.

"We can guarantee very fast access times," he adds. "Critical alarm messages can get through in milliseconds, and that's very important if you are thinking about nuclear reactors."

Other companies are working on high-integrity networks, and some LAN developers have also adopted fibre optics, but the approach taken by BES has attracted interest from several industrial giants. On a recent trip to the US, Nick Beale found top executives of leading industrial companies hastily rearranging their schedules in order to see him. "One even laid on the company

helicopter for me from the airport," he recalls.

Apart from its technical attractions, Beale's approach to the marketing of HILAN is also being well received. Unlike some LAN companies, Beale plans to licence HILAN to other manufacturers, so that customers will have a number of sources of supply. He hopes that licences will be taken up by about half-a-dozen major companies spread through the leading industries.

Another key element in HILAN's success could be its compatibility with Ethernet, even though it works in a totally different way. An Ethernet user would be able to switch to HILAN with no software changes at all. "We are essentially piggy-backing on the enormous software investment in Ethernet," says Beale. "It's conceivable that we will be able to offer a network which is part Ethernet and part HILAN."

Despite the support of Scicon, the enthusiasm among other big companies, and his confidence in the technical merits of HILAN, Nick Beale is being fairly modest in projections for his company's future turnover. He expects it to be approaching £2m in 1985. He expects it to be approaching £4m in 1986. Even so, he sees Beale Electronic Systems as being a major player in this new industrial market.

"I have no doubt there will be competitors," he says. "I have no doubt our network will be technically superior, and I believe our marketing strategy will be superior, too."

This is because most competitors are likely to be big companies, which will not be so ready to licence other big firms, and therefore give their systems a wide spread of availability. "The critical success factor," Beale believes, "will be getting substantial take-up of the system by major companies."



Roger Franklin: the computer is a bonus

## Forging a success story

by Anthony Kenyon

Britain's last industrial revolution saw cottage industries transformed by technological innovation into small economic empires.

Now, residing in the Kenilsh Weald, is a high-tech cottage industry for the 1980s. Chelsea Forge Limited designs, manufactures and installs architectural metalwork. It produces the ballustrades, ornamental staircases and front entrance screens that save office blocks from sliding towards the drab and unstimulating. While using traditional materials for traditional purposes, it has adopted as much advanced technology as possible to improve productivity.

Chelsea Forge gives the impression of a business in a hurry, yet it works comfortably within a capacity that has been greatly expanded by investing in modern plant and the careful application of new information technology. The result has been a 100 per cent increase in turnover last year, and the signs suggest that spectacular growth will continue.

At the financial core of this 20-year-old success story is one man and his machine. The accounting department consists of one man, the financial director, Roger Franklin, at the controls of an ACT Sirius 1 microcomputer. He explains: "I'm able to do as much if not more with the computer as already been received from 'blue-chip' companies, county councils and colleges.

company could exist because the overheads would be so high."

Even a relatively small company like this needs to carry out detailed financial analysis to aid management decision making. To provide analysis quickly and accurately, Mr Franklin is working towards establishing an electronic model of the business. Eventually all information relating to production, sales and accounting will be processed by computer. As it is, within a month of acquiring the Sirius, all the basic accounting functions were computerized, using ACT's own Pulsar business software.

### The way to measure efficiency

This has left Mr. Franklin more time to construct the regular reports that measure efficiency in specific areas of the company's operation. His main tool has been Informer — a database and report generator developed by ACT. "It is in essence a do-it-yourself package that allows me to generate my own programs. Information stored in the computer's memory can be analysed along predetermined lines. I simply select the data to be used, design the sequences of calcu-

lations to be done and arrange the format of the printed report." The package came to Mr Franklin "as a bonus" and has proved invaluable.

Already working is a custom-built contract cost ledger which monitors how efficiently particular contracts are being met. The feedback on costs is now more precise so that estimates for future contracts are increasingly accurate.

The management of Chelsea Forge has been impressed by the flexibility of the computer system. Hardly a day goes by without a new application suggesting itself. Mr Franklin is now using Informer to develop a program for production control, an area where considerable savings are possible.

"It will mean we can maximize our resources, both material and labour. For instance, getting the computer to calculate the cutting lengths of an aluminium tube can halve the waste and save 2 per cent on the contract value."

Eventually, he sees a network of four or five Sirius machines. But he adds: "The aspect of security has to be thought through. It's all too easy, malice by accident or through carelessness, to lose large chunks of stored data. But ideally everyone should have immediate access to their particular corner of the business."

## Phone in, the boss will be there

by Maggie McLening

Telephoning contacts who are always "in a meeting" could become less frustrating with the introduction of an unusual electronic mail service from P & P Marketing. Users of the BCD Telemail system do not need a computer to create, send or receive messages: this is all done through the telephone unit.

Scarcely larger than British Telecom's increasingly popular Herald Call Connect system, the BCD Telemail terminal is a combined telephone, modem and printer with a touch-sensitive keyboard for preparing and editing text. Unlike the computer equivalent, it plugs straight into the normal power supply and a

telephone jack point, and is fully portable.

P & P Marketing, a subsidiary of P & P Print, is an agent for BT's Dialcom public electronic mail service and has formed a third-party user group to obtain concessionary rates. Instead of paying the standard £100 registration fee to Telecom Gold, BCD Telemail users will pay a minimum charge of £10 a month (more if usage exceeds that value) to P & P Marketing.

The scheme was born out of P & P Print's own experience of finding Telecom Gold's initial fee too high for a small business. The

company also recognized that many people are frightened off the idea of electronic mail by the need to buy a computer.

"Small businesses are looking at the computer end, but we are approaching in the other way, from the communications end and building on that," explained John Dyson, executive manager director of P & P Marketing. "We don't feel this is a computer, rather an extension of the telephone for sending messages. What we are really launching is a concept."

Like all electronic mail services, BCD Telemail could suffer from the restriction that message

recipients also have to be subscribers, so a telex facility is built into the terminal. For those who want a computer anyway, there is also a standard RS232 interface point on the back so that the terminal may be connected to a microcomputer, word processor or VDU. This will allow messages to be formatted on, or read from, the screen.

P & P Marketing aims to sell 10,000 of the terminals at £565 to the UK during the first year of operation. According to Peter Alexander, joint manager director, moreover 600 inquiries have already been received from "blue-chip" companies, county councils and colleges.

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ATHLETICS: CHASE FOR NEW WORLD TIMES COMES UNSTUCK

Superb win, but Cram misses Ovett record



Puffing filices: Kathy Cook has plenty of breath left to win 100 metres.

The race for world records came unstuck yesterday in the Nike Classic at Crystal Palace, but Steve Cram had another superlative solo win, this time in the two miles. And Steve Ovett lost an all-comers' record to Eamonn Coghlan, following the previous day's loss of his 1500 metres world record to Sydney Maree.

It was Ovett's world best time of 8 minutes 13.51 seconds that Cram was aiming for, and he was paced through the first mile 4:07.88 by fellow Geordie, Geoff Turnbull. At that stage, Cram was Ovett's comparable time, but slower than that of the previous record-holder Brendan Foster, another famous Geordie.

In his race ten years ago, Foster was on his own after a lap-and-a-half, and Cram was in the same position throughout the second mile yesterday. Eamonn Martin had hoped to stay with the pace to help when Turnbull dropped out, but he was stuck in the pack almost 80 metres behind Cram at that point.

Cram maintained the pace until the sixth lap, but the seventh one in almost 64 seconds left him needing a 58.12 seconds lap to break Ovett's best time, and he just failed by 1.42 seconds in clocking 8 minutes 14.93 seconds.

In deference to Cram, Ovett's world best from five years ago was set with Henry Rono on his heels, and Foster's 8:13.8 was set when there was not the exhaustive European circuit on which last week, Cram set the year's best 800 metres time, and just failed to break Ovett's then world 1500 metres record.

Ovett contented himself with a leg for the England C team in another promptly came up with the 4 x 400 metres relay yesterday, clocking 48.2 seconds. He will probably now regret joking earlier that he at least wanted to beat the new women's world record of Jarmila Kratochvílová. He failed by three tenths of a second. And

earlier he watched Coghlan just clip his UK all-comers best time in the 3,000 metres.

THE announcer prefaced Coghlan's race with "we're hoping to get the field confirmed before we get under way". Even allowing for Coghlan, the favourite's habit of crossing himself before and after a race this was going a bit too far. Coghlan went just far enough to win after Graham Williamson tried to outstrip him in the finishing straight, but the Irishman certainly did not go fast enough to get anywhere near John Walker's world record of 4 minutes 31.4 seconds, as he had hoped.

Once Pat Scammell had dropped out after three laps in 2 min 57.08 sec, the pace also dropped and Coghlan with the world championship victory that he so wanted already in his keeping was content just to win. But in doing so in 4 min 57.66 sec, he knocked 16 hundredths of

a second off Ovett's all-comers best. The British 3,000 metres stepladder ranks are burgeoning nowadays. After a lengthy hiatus since the days of Brasher, Disley, Shirley, and later Herriot, Britain's three representatives in Helsinki, Colin Reitz, Graeme Fell and Roger Hickley finished in the first six, with Reitz taking the bronze medal.

Fell then set a new British record of 9:15.16 two weeks ago, and that is a record which David Lewis, who missed out on Helsinki, is sure he can break. It was Hackney's 2,000 metres record of 5:23.6 that Lewis chased yesterday, but he was tripped up by the three fast, flat races that he has done recently.

The speed to run a 3.55.96 mile, as he did in Oslo last week, will ultimately serve Lewis well, but he got carried away with a 2:00.7 first two laps, by which time he was 50 metres ahead, but slowed drastically and had to settle for a final time of 5:28.04.

Results from Crystal Palace yesterday

Table with 2 columns: Event and Winner/Time. Includes 100 METRES (Kathy Cook), 200 METRES (Kathy Cook), 400 METRES (Steve Cram), 800 METRES (Steve Cram), 1500 METRES (Sydney Maree), 5000 METRES (Steve Cram), 10000 METRES (Steve Cram), 2000 METRES (David Lewis), 3000 METRES (Eamonn Coghlan), 5000 METRES (Steve Cram), 10000 METRES (Steve Cram), 1500 METRES (Sydney Maree), 5000 METRES (Steve Cram), 10000 METRES (Steve Cram).

Maree criticizes S African boycott

Coloage (AP) - Sydney Maree criticized the impact on black athletes of the international sports boycott of South Africa after setting a world record in the 1,500 metres here on Sunday, Maree, aged 26, ran June 31.4 sec at the Coloage invitation meeting to break Steve Ovett's three-year-old record by twelve hundredths of a second.

Maradona: booked

Spain's Diego Maradona is booked for the World Cup preliminary round against Mexico. The Argentine forward is expected to start for the national team in the match.

League and cup results from the continent

Table with 2 columns: League and Cup results. Includes Bundesliga, Premier League, and other European leagues.

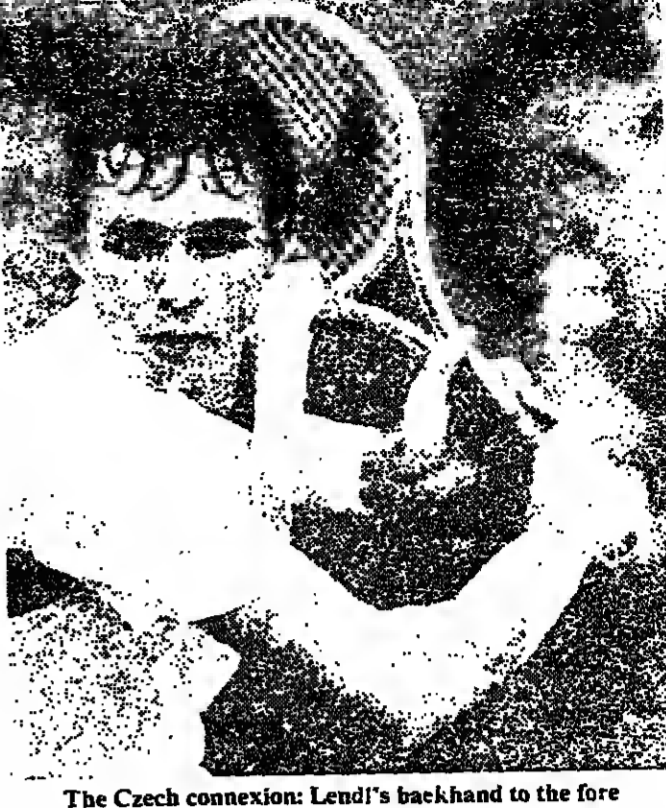
YACHTING

The Canadian brothers, Jamie and Hugh Kidd, gave a superb demonstration of heavy weather dinghy sailing to win the second race of the international 14-foot world championship at Falmouth yesterday. Second place was filled by another overseas boat, that of the west coast Americans, Chris Benedict and Matt Blake. It was a long haul to bring the sailboat from the New World to Falmouth.

TENNIS: THE PROBABLE PACEMAKERS IN THE US CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two Czechs hold the balance on bouncing courts

The withdrawal of two seeds, Kevin Curren and Evonne Cawley, is unlikely to affect the outcome of the singles events in the United States championships, which begin at Flushing Meadows today on hard courts that provide a consistent bounce at a pace somewhere between medium and fast. The most probable winners, though it would be unwise to risk much money on either, are Martin Navratilova and Ivan Lendl, who were both born in Czechoslovakia.



The Czech connexion: Lendl's backhand to the fore

Miss Navratilova has the class to do so. At a lower level it is interesting to note that the Soviet Union will be represented here for the first time since 1976.

The singles champions of each receive a cheque for the equivalent of £80,000. The total prize money is £1,204,000, of which £1,100,000 goes to the five main events, £24,000 to competing in the qualifying competition and £80,000 to what are known here as "senior" events.

ROWING

Coxless four do Britain proud

Of the six British crews that competed in yesterday's heats of the world rowing championships, one, the men's coxless four, made certain progress. The others, two women's crews and three men's, were forced into the repechages.

TABLE TENNIS

Check on Caribbean temptations

Prean: his biggest test. What do you do when your small schoolboy son is handed rather large sums of money in extremely enticing far-away parts of the world? This was a question of parental concern when Carl Prean, the lad from the Isle of Wight, finished sixth in a world-class field in the Norwich Union Masters in Jamaica in June. Indeed there was a request for the several hundred pounds worth of money to be made over by cheque last Caribbean temptations prove too much.

EQUESTRIANISM

Schockemöhle in another class

Paul Schockemöhle, from West Germany, riding Deister, won the Falcon stakes, sponsored by Hambro Life, which was the first international class at Hickstead yesterday. It is the third victory which Schockemöhle has had at Hickstead in as many meetings this year.

HOCKEY

Britain in search of self-belief

Roger Self, the manager of the Great Britain squad, said on the conclusion of the European Championship in Amsterdam that he was not resigning although he had given the manager some of the best team he had ever coached.

Younger Rummenigge is as deadly in front of goal

When Bayern Munich lost one of their top scorers, Gerd Müller, Rummenigge stepped up to fill the shoes of the legend at the first round of the West German Cup.

Kidds 14 feet tall

The Canadian brothers, Jamie and Hugh Kidd, gave a superb demonstration of heavy weather dinghy sailing to win the second race of the international 14-foot world championship at Falmouth yesterday.

Park's new pitch

Roslyn Park will wait until the end of September before unveiling their new pitch. More than £6,000 worth of seed and top soil has been applied to the pitch.

Yorkshire Cup draw

The draw for the first round of the Yorkshire Cup to be played on Sunday is: Ballyvaughan v. Ballyvaughan, Ballyvaughan v. Ballyvaughan, Ballyvaughan v. Ballyvaughan.





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